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Re-opening moved to June after two-year closure

MORE DELAYS AS WORKS TO GO ON

REPORT BY CRAIG HUGHES

MOTORISTS will continue to suffer delays on a busy Walsall road after a two-year improvements project has failed to meet its deadline.

The re-opening of Bentley Road South in Darlaston, was scheduled for this month, but has now been pegged back to June.

The route was closed to allow for works as part of the £26 million improvements being made in the town.

The scheme includes the replacement of a rail bridge and forms part of the overall revamp of the highways network in the area.

A footpath and cycle path are also incorporated in the project along with the widening of the route.

Stuart Everton, programme manager for the project at Walsall Council, said: "Bentley Road South is due to open in June, this is due to the volume of work required at this location and it has not been possible to complete the works any earlier than this.

"This section will totally transform Bentley Road South and provide a safe environment for businesses and residents to gain access to the wider area. Work on the remainder of the scheme is currently to programme with some sites expected to be completed later this year."

Aqueduct

A report to the council's business, employment and the local economy scrutiny panel last autumn had said Bentley Road South should be able to reopen in April. Other work already being carried out as part of the £26m programme is the widening of Bentley Mill Way, which will remain closed until later this year.

There will also be new traffic lights near to the James Bridge aqueduct to enable traffic to safely pass through.

The level of the road beneath the 200-year-old structure will be lowered to give more room for taller vehicles to pass through and to reduce the risk of them accidentally hitting and weakening the bridge.

Elsewhere, traffic signals will be added at the new junction between Darlaston Road and Bentley Mill Way, while a new roundabout is being installed at the junction of Bescot Road and Wallows Lane.

The multi-million pound scheme is being funded by Walsall Council, Centro and the Department for Transport.

It comes as the council is looking to regenerate the area and a property adviser has been appointed to find a developer partner for the Phoenix 10 site.

PUPILS RALLY ROUND FOR CAR'S VISIT TO SCHOOL



Pupil Peter Gyeabour, aged 13, gets to look at a rally car at Hydesville Tower School, Walsall, during a special visit

THE excitement of motor sport came to life at a Walsall school when a rally car rolled onto the playground.

Children at Hydesville Tower School were thrilled to see the fully functioning Vauxhall Nova rally car.

The group of students spent time learning about the sport with car owner and rally driver Richard Egger, who is the regional development officer for the Motor Sports Association (MSA).

Mr Egger talked to the children about how to get involved as a competitor, official and what career opportunities exist in the vast world of motor sport. He also touched on the engineering of a rally car and talked about road safety.

Mr Egger said: "The objective is to make students aware of the range of opportunities in motor sport, everything from the amazing hi-tech world of Formula One car design to the satisfaction of being an active member of a local club.

"If we can get students enthused about science, technology, engineering and maths – STEM – then the visit has been a success."

The visit on Friday was part of the school's enrichment programme for pupils at the independent preparatory and senior school in Broadway North.

It was organised to help children understand the broad and exciting career opportunities which studying the STEM subjects can lead to.

The Motor Sports Association is the sole national governing body for four-wheel motor sport in the UK, as recognised by the world governing body, the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile.

HEALTH

Manor wards closed after latest outbreak

TWO wards have been closed at Walsall Manor as the hospital struggles to control an outbreak of norovirus.

More than 10 people are currently showing symptoms of the bug forcing wards 14 and 15 to shut to new admissions and transfers. There are also bays closed on Ward 9, forcing health chiefs to urge anyone with symptoms not to attend.

The first cases of people showing signs of norovirus were reported almost two weeks ago. Bosses say they are struggling to halt the problem.

CUTBACKS

Street lights set to save council £600k

UP to £600,000 a year will be saved under controversial plans to replace street lights in Walsall.

Around £14 million will be invested in replacing more than 24,000 lanterns with energy efficient LED lighting under Walsall Council proposals.

Smaller-scale trials have been carried out in Bloxwich, Brownhills, Caldmore and Leamore. These wider proposals could help the local authority save up to £600,000 a year in energy costs and maintenance bills.

SCHOOLS

Bosses' concern at teens who can't read

TEENAGERS are struggling to read and add up, business chiefs have warned following the announcement that a specialist school that opened less than four years ago is to close. The £9.5 million Black Country University Technical College in Bloxwich is to shut in August.

The closure was slammed by Ninder Johal from the Black Country Chamber of Commerce, who say there must be something 'seriously amiss' if students are not applying for places. "Our employers remain disappointed that our 16-year-olds are unable to read or add up."

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Problems pile up on road near tip



Queues at Fryers Road

MORE traffic jams are forming in the Black Country due to controversial cuts to opening times at a tip. Jams are forming outside the Fryers Road site in Bloxwich.

It comes just days after reports that police have had to deal with spats between drivers as traffic jams build up at two other tips in Wolverhampton that have had their hours slashed.

The problems in Bloxwich have led to concerns that people will grow sick of the queues and fly-tip their rubbish instead. The site is now closed for two days a week, rather than one, and Councillor Pete Smith said people have been waiting up to 30 minutes to deposit their rubbish. Along with the borough's other site in Merchants Way, Aldridge, Fryers Road is now closed an extra day a week and has shorter opening hours in a bid to save nearly £100,000 for the cash-strapped council.

Councillor Smith, who visited the tip earlier this month, said: "As I turned from Leamore Lane on to Fryers Road, I was immediately in a long traffic jam, all queuing for the tip. I was in the queue for more than 30 minutes before I arrived at the destination, just a few hundred yards away. It should have taken five minutes maximum.

"I saw many frustrated motorists giving up and turning around. Who knows what they then did with their rubbish?"

But Mark Holden, head of Streetpride at the council, said there had been queues previously, mainly believed to be due to school holidays and warm weather. "The new opening times from April 1 at Merchants Way, Aldridge, and Fryers Road, Leamore, were well publicised on the Walsall Council website, through our social media and leaflets distributed at both sites," he said.

It's a yes! Fiance fits the bill with proposal

PROPOSING to the love of his life was always going to be a nervous day for Paul Bakewell.

But consider how the 35-year-old felt when he decided to propose to girlfriend Tara Barber on a giant billboard in front of a large crowd of friends, family, curious onlookers and a busy road of passing motorists.

The smitten gas fitter proposed to Miss Barber by secretly designing a poster asking her to marry him. It was then emblazoned across a billboard on the side of the A34 in Walsall on Friday.

And when she arrived, under the belief she was on the way to a meeting, her shock and surprise was evident for all to see.

After a quick embrace and a few tears, Mr Bakewell got down on one knee in front of the billboard. Without hesitation, she said yes.

Shocked

Mr Bakewell from Beechdale, Walsall, said: "I have never been so nervous in my life. It was completely nerve-wracking. I have not slept for two days.

"When she arrived she was so shocked and I think more nervous than me when she realised what was happening. She didn't have a clue. I thought it would be something special to make a grand gesture.

"I'm from just down the road and I know Tara drives this way into work in Walsall every day."

The billboard featured pictures of the couple and the words: "Tara you've changed my life. Will you marry me?"

Miss Barber, a hairdresser from Bloxwich, said of the moment: "I couldn't feel my legs. I had no idea this was happening. How has he managed to do this? I had no hesitation to saying yes. It is incredible. We'll never forget this." A big crowd of family and friends gathered on the green opposite the headquarters of emergency repairs business Homeserve for the surprise.



Paul Bakewell, aged 35, who used a billboard on Stafford Road, Walsall, to propose to his girlfriend Tara

After she said yes, there were huge cheers from the crowd and toots of horns from motorists. The romantic Mr Bakewell secretly worked with HomeServe to design the poster after inquiring about taking out advertising space on the billboard.

Together they arranged for the billboard to be put in place in the early hours of the morning. Mr Bakewell, a former pupil at Frank F Harrison School in Bloxwich, left the house at 4am to oversee the installation, telling his wife-to-be he had been called out to a gas leak. He arranged for friends and family to gather at the site beside Green Lane and they were joined by HomeServe staff for the memorable moment. Miss Barber, a former Sneyd Community School pupil, was driven to scene at 10am prompt by a work colleague believing the pair were on their way to a meeting.

Mr Bakewell said: "I knew there was a billboard and I started looking into how I could pay to take out a poster. But when I inquired I found HomeServe had bought the space so I approached them. They were completely brilliant and designed the poster and worked with me to arrange the day."

The couple have known each other all their lives. Mr Bakewell has a daughter Ellie, 11, and Miss Barber has a six-year-old son, Carrick.

The poster was designed by Homeserve graphic designer Kate Depper who said: "It was really nice to do something for a total stranger. It has been so exciting and I'm pleased it went so well."

Poundland wants time to decide on 99p Stores

POUNDLAND has asked the UK's competition watchdog for three weeks to decide on whether it will go ahead with its £55m takeover of 99p Stores or abandon the deal. Boss Jim McCarthy said the firm would ask for more time, adding: "We can walk away from the deal."

The Competition and Markets Authority recently revealed it had problems with the proposed takeover, saying it could affect competition in at least 80 areas where Poundland shops and branches of 99p Stores are less than a mile apart, as well as another 12 where new stores are planned.

That accounts for more than a third of the 250 stores the move would add to Poundland's estate. The CMA gave the Willenhall-based £1-for-everything chain a week to decide if it wanted to offer what it called 'remedies'.

This would probably have meant Poundland offering to close or sell-off scores of stores.

Instead, Poundland said that, "after careful consideration", it had decided not to offer remedies to the CMA.

As a result the CMA has said the merger will be referred for a Phase II review, an in-depth inquiry into the takeover that decide if the merger will result in "a substantial lessening of competition".

That review will have to report back by early October – holding up the takeover deal by around five months.

But Poundland has written to the CMA asking for a three week delay to the start of the review.

Health services staff bill is £61m

HOSPITALS and the ambulance service in the West Midlands spent £61 million on wages for reserve bank staff in a single year, new figures reveal.

The majority of the money went on nurses and clerical staff at sites through the Black Country and Staffordshire.

The biggest outlay was at the Heart of England NHS Trust in Birmingham with £15m. Critics have said it shows hospitals do not have enough permanent staff and are being forced to call on bank workers, whose wages are often higher.

It comes as hospitals struggle to cope with rocketing numbers of admissions and falling budgets.

West Midlands Ambulance shelled out £1.16 million in 2013/14, including £740,145 on 'additional clinical services' and £139,438 on admin and clerical staff.

Growing interest in garden event

A PLANT sale for budding gardeners is due next month. The Goscote Greenacres Community Garden holds the event with the chance to buy hanging baskets, bedding and vegetable plants. There will also be a barbecue and stalls in Goscote Lane on May 3 from 1-4pm.

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Markets to stay under the control of council

CURRENT markets in Walsall are poised to remain under council control – despite moves to relaunch the Darlaston pitch under private operators.

The authority runs sites in Walsall, Bloxwich and Willenhall, making a profit of almost £110,000 during the 2013/14 financial year.

Council bosses have given their support towards the reopening of Darlaston Market later in the year by Bescot Promotions, which is behind the Bescot Sunday Market.

A report from council officer Helen Kindon to regeneration chief councillor Mohammed Nazir, as part of the proposal, said there has been previous interest in the council's pitches by the private sector. But there were no plans for the authority to cut their ties.

She said: "We have been approached periodically by the private sector to either run markets on behalf of the council or enter into a partnership agreement. Whilst it seems unlikely that the council will terminate its current markets in the future, a partnership approach has been adopted by other councils."

The 40-year-old Darlaston Market was axed in 2011 by the council in a bid to help save £60,000.

The new-look outdoor market is due to run on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

It is hoped up to 50 stalls will operate in King Street.

The two-year licence will have an option to extend for a further 12 months.

Saddlers search to find best fan

NOMINATIONS are being sought for dedicated Saddlers supporters to be named as fan of the season.

The winner will be crowned at the Walsall FC end of season awards which take place at the Banks's Stadium on May 3.

Nominations must be sent by April 27 and should include an explanation as to why the person has been put forward.

People must give contact details for themselves and the fan who is put forward.

Tickets for the awards night are £35, which includes a four-course meal, and for more details call 01922 651414.

Delays warning with procession

MOTORISTS are being warned of delays during a Vaisakhi procession in Caldmore which is due to take place on Sunday. The route is along West Bromwich Street, Corporation Street, Wednesbury Road, Bescot Crescent, Broadway West and Weston Street.

Lock-up for teen who joined in attack

A TEENAGER has been locked up for his part in an attack that saw two men punched in the head, stripped naked and forced to engage in sex acts.

Samuel Young, aged 19, took pictures of the victims on his phone after they were terrorised by Martin Harris and Mark Wright at a flat in Compton Road, Wolverhampton.

Young, of Laburnum Grove, Bentley, Walsall, was sent to a Young Offenders Institute for four months for common assault. At Wolverhampton Crown Court, Miss Rebecca Wade, prosecuting, said the victims had visited the flat, where the defendant lived at the time in April last year, and were told they could stay there by Harris and Wright.

However, the pair then proceeded to carry out a 'serious assault' on the two victims before hitting one in the head and ordering both men to take all their clothes off.

At this point, Young arrived and said he 'did not like snitches' in relation to a previous crime he had been involved in.

He then took photos on his phone as Wright and Harris, who have both since been jailed for GBH and assault, performed sex acts on their victims. Young then sent the photos to Wright.

During questioning, Young initially said he acted in fear that he would be subjected to violence by Wright and Harris, though he subsequently distanced himself from the claim. Miss Wade said the defendant had previous convictions for theft and battery.

She added: "Clearly the victims were vulnerable."

Lisa Hancox, mitigating, called on Judge John Warner to impose a suspended sentence on Young, adding that he had stayed out of trouble since 2010 and was working with the charity Catch 22, which helps people in tough situations to turn their lives around.

She added: "This offence did not involve Mr Young as being the ringleader or the main defendant."

She also highlighted the fact that Young had helped to bandage the arm of a victim in the bathroom following the attack. Judge Warner said: "It was a dreadful thing that you did even though there were people who did far worse things than you."

Jail for drug smuggler who went on the run

A DRUG smuggler who had been on the run for six years before being arrested while playing poker in a Spanish bar has started an 11-year prison term.

Robert Knight had been one of the West Midlands most wanted ever since a gang tried to import six kilograms of cocaine through Heathrow Airport in 2008.



Robert Knight

The 53-year-old, whose last known address was in Brownhills, was found playing poker at a bar in Valencia last September and brought back to the UK. He then spent five months in custody awaiting trial.

Knight was found guilty of importing Class A drugs following a two-week trial at Birmingham Crown Court which ended last Thursday. Following the sentencing, Detective Chief Inspector Sab Johal, from the West Midlands Police serious and organised crime unit, said: "It may sound like a cliché but this case reinforces the message that you can run, but you can't hide.

"If Knight thought that after six years he had successfully evaded capture and he had dropped off our radar then he was mistaken.

"We were working with Crimestoppers, the National Crime Agency, Spanish counterparts and last September this work came to fruition.

Fugitive

"The 11-year sentence handed to Knight is justified by the severity of the sophisticated drug importation and distribution network he was once part of."

Knight was finally tracked down in a sports bar in the port area of Calpe. He was the 62nd wanted fugitive to be arrested as part of Operation Captura, a multi-agency campaign between Crimestoppers, the NCA and the Spanish Police,launched in 2006.

Along with his connections to Brownhills, Knight was also thought to have links to Lichfield and Birmingham as well as Belgium, Gibraltar, Thailand and South Africa. West Midlands Police previously said they believed Knight may have been living in the Estepona area of Spain, around 20 minutes from Marbella.

Crash victim inspires fundraisers



Singers Stacey K, and Darrel Antcliff, with organisers Amy Grocutt, and Andy Reeves

MUSIC and sunshine were in the mix at a fundraising afternoon in memory of Alps plane disaster victim Martyn Matthews. Families called in at the event hosted by Shepwell Green Social Club in Willenhall. The Wolves fan was among 150 people who died when the Germanwings passenger jet came down near Seyne-les-Alpes in France on March 24.

Mr Matthews, aged 50, from Wolverhampton, was killed in the crash when the co-pilot Andreas Lubitz flew the plane into a mountainside.

The event on Saturday was organised by social care worker Amy Grocutt who was so moved by the tragedy that she put on the family fun day in a show of support for Mr Matthews' family. She says that £170 was raised after up to 40 people called in to the venue, in Bilston Lane, Shepwell Green, to take part in a raffle, and enjoy the entertainment.

Singers to perform were Stacey K and Darrel Antcliff. "I didn't know him, but an I know of someone at Huf where Martyn worked. I decided to put a little event together to let the family know that the community's thoughts are with them at this sad time," said Miss Grocutt, 22, of Simmonds Place, Darlaston.

Anyone who would like to contribute should do so via www.facebook/dreamcatchers



Killed – Martyn Matthews

NEWS IN BRIEF

Bus services and routes to improve

BUS services are to be improved with more regular journeys in Darlaston after calls from passengers.

Commuters between Walsall and Rough Hay will see the frequency of buses during the day doubled to every 10 minutes from 20 minutes between the number 34 bus and new 34a service.

The 34a route will operate every 20 minutes along Hall Street, Willenhall Street and Rough Hay Road.

Bus times on the 34, 38 and 39 routes will also be revised in a bid to improve reliability.

School revamp plan gets nod

A SCHOOL in Walsall which has seen the number of students on its roll double in the past 60 years has been given permission to build a new multi-purpose hall and changing rooms.

Mayfield Preparatory School in Sutton Road has grown from 120 pupils to more than 200 students.

The current hall was built in the 1950s and has been described as 'not fit for purpose'. The new hall will be used for indoor sports, music concerts, drama productions and prize-giving events. The plans have been given the go ahead by the council.

Telegraph pole hit by crash car

A CAR veered off the road and hit a telegraph pole following a crash with another vehicle in Bloxwich.

The accident between two Fiestas happened in Buxton Road, near to the junction with Bamford Road. last Wednesday morning

The pole then snapped and hit two other stationary cars and emergency services were called to the scene.

It happened at around 9.30am and no-one was seriously hurt in the accident.

Appeal to find trust patient's relatives

HEALTH chiefs in Walsall are trying to trace the relatives of a hospital patient in the town.

Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust bosses want to find the family members of Malcolm Steatham, from Bentley,Walsall.

Mr Steatham was born in 1941.

Any relatives, or anyone with information, are urged to contact Julie Venables at the general office at Walsall Manor Hospital by telephoning 01922 656207.

Ramblers date

THE Walsall group of the ramblers will be setting off on a four-mile walk on Saturday. People are asked to meet at the car park at Oak Park Leisure Centre, Walsall Wood, at 1.30pm. The walk will set off from Castle Ring, on Cannock Chase. Call 01922 637850 or visit www.walsallramblers.co.uk

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A READER asks: "Why, if mineral water has been percolating through volcanic rocks for millions of years to achieve its level of purity, does my bottle have a sell-by date of November 15?

SOME forecasters are predicting a long, hot summer. In all probability we will enter it with an unpopular government and independence fever on the rise in Scotland. Are the water cannon ready?

TED Loveday hit the headlines for "leading his team to victory" in this week's final of University Challenge. True, he got a lot of questions right. But the Gonville and Caius team was captained not by Loveday but by the medical student Anthony Martinelli who gave a master class in captaincy. Throughout the series he held his team together, sifted their opinions, decided who should answer, kept his nerve and applied some spectacular logic-crunching to some fiendishly hard questions. By all means applaud the star, but never underestimate the value of leadership.

OUR changing language. The Tory plan to allow housing-association tenants to buy their homes is hailed as a "revolution." Or, as we used to say, a bribe.

MIND you, it worked for Mrs Thatcher. She won power thanks to the support of Labour voters switching to Tory on the promise of buying their council houses at massive discounts. Thousands of families snapped up their homes for less than £20,000 and are now sitting on property worth £200,000-plus. The snag? If you need long-term care at the end of your life, your assets will be confiscated by the proprietors of Mr Nasty's Home for the Terminally Bewildered while those tenants who resisted the urge to buy and have limited assets will be paid for by the State.



ONE stern promise we can cheerfully disregard is this week's suggestion that foreigners will be asked to produce identification before getting NHS treatment. I doubt if there is an NHS doctor or nurse alive who would refuse to help someone in distress simply because they couldn't produce a passport.

A POLL reveals Britain is one of the least religious countries in the world. So does that make us a nation of wicked, immoral and selfish folk? Apparently not. A survey a couple of years ago by the World Giving Index revealed that Britain is the most generous developed nation when it comes to giving to charity and helping strangers in distress. So we are godless and yet good. In fact, if you want to find an unhappy, uncaring, lawless ignorant and impoverished country, try looking at the list of the ones where the holy men are in charge.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

New parking for college revamp

DOZENS of new car parking spaces will be created in the final stage of a £8.5 million revamp of a college, following concerns over clogged roads.

A major transformation of the James Watt Campus of Birmingham Metropolitan College in Great Barr has been gathering pace in recent months. Proposals have been tabled for an extra 74 spaces on the campus – taking the number from 175 to 249 – alongside other alterations. Residents living in Birdbrook Road and Aldridge Road had voiced concerns about congested streets due to parked cars.

College bosses said they believed they had broad support from residents for its plans for more parking, including one more disabled space.

A workshop on the site will be demolished as part of the proposal submitted to Birmingham City Council's planning department. Extra lighting and security fencing will be installed around the site.

The work would mark the final stage of the project to revamp the college and its grounds started last year.

Bosses want to offer a range of qualifications in the growing 'green' technology industry to students and swell the numbers signing up for courses. At the moment there are more than 2,000 students using the campus – but college bosses say this could soon rise by 15 per cent.

The first stage of the campus revamp included a new reception area, hall and learning resources centre with improved access. Now contractors are on the main stage of the project to create a new teaching building – the Sustainable Energy Centre.

Gang tortured birds stolen from breeder

Report by Deborah Hardiman

CHASED by a dog, jammed into drawers, squeezed to death – these are examples of the unbearable suffering that 200 rare birds were subjected to in Walsall.

Chad Worgan, Jake Higgs, Thomas Knox and a 16-year-old who cannot be named for legal reasons tortured the birds before posting them through letterboxes and dropping them though people's windows.

The birds were stolen from Lee Williams's aviary in Brownhills. They were bundled into sacks and containers, with only one finch left alive and another dead at the property in Bridge Street, Clayhanger.

Mr Williams, a rare bird breeder, has spent his whole life collecting the rare jays, finches, budgerigars, doves, quails and pigeons.

At Walsall Magistrates Court, it emerged how the gang were captured on security cameras arriving in Goscote in the early hours of January 12 with the bulging bags and boxes.

Worgan, of Dolphin House, Goscote, was said to have a 'sick grin' on his face as he kicked and squeezed the birds before heading into a flat. The 19-year-old admitted an offence of receiving stolen goods and an offence of causing unnecessary suffering to a protected animal on the basis that he kicked a pigeon.

Suffering

But Mr Michael Pryor, prosecuting, told the court: "The Crown doesn't accept that basis. We say that he knew that he was in possession of stolen property. In his interview he says he didn't know there were birds in the bags until they were emptied out. On the CCTV he participates in a gratuitous kick.

"You can see on the film that there is a sick grin across his face as if he is enjoying what he is doing. At one point he seems to grab one of the perched birds and visibly squeezes that bird before it is put back in a bag."

Mr Pryor told the trial hearing that a dog was let into the flat and terrorised the birds. The animal belonged to Knox, aged 19, of Mulberry Road, Dudley Fields, Bloxwich. It was subsequently seized by a dog warden.

The trial also heard how 15 live pigeons were found crammed into a drawer.

Knox denied causing unnecessary suffering to a protected animal and receiving stolen goods – so did the 16-year-old from Erdington in Birmingham.

Higgs, 23, of Margam Crescent, Mossley, Bloxwich, admitted receiving stolen goods but denied causing unnecessary suffering. Magistrates found all four guilty of the charges after the trial. All will be sentenced at a later date.



Rare bird breeder Lee Williams from Brownhills in his aviary where his birds were stolen in 2008

They were arrested after the unfolding incident was spotted on CCTV. Then, a resident with learning difficulties reported that a dead bird had been posted through their letterbox – leading the police to link it to the earlier burglary.

None of the defendants gave evidence in the witness box.

Chairman of the bench, Mr Bob Thomas granted them conditional bail and the matter was adjourned until May 8 when they will be sentenced. He said their actions amounted to 'joint enterprise'. "They arrive with a dog and are seen to be carrying a variety of bags and containers," said Mr Thomas. "These are emptied by them and both a large number of dead and live birds are seen. The birds are seen to be pushed through windows, letterboxes, kicked and chased by a combination of the defendants and the dog.

"The CCTV shows all of them entering the property together and all playing some part in the birds' suffering. We are satisfied that they were all aware of the contents of the bags."

Back in 2008, Mr Williams considered giving up his passion for breeding rare birds after 270 animals worth £4,000 were stolen from the same aviary at his home.

At the time, the father-of-two said he was scared he would be targeted by thieves again.

Speaking to the Express & Star at the time, his wife Michelle said: "This has devastated him.

"His bird breeding plays a major part of his life."

Hundreds join fight on sell-off of centre

MORE than 1,000 residents have signed a petition to prevent a community and health centre from being sold off.

Householders want the Broadway North Centre in Walsall that is currently home to a mental health project and a community association to remain.

They want to see better health and community facilities in the Park Hall and Chuckery areas of the town.

A decision over the future of the site is expected to be revealed by the town hall cabinet during a meeting taking place next Wednesday.

Paddock ward representative Councillor Rose Martin said: "The community association organised a paper petition and that along with a post card petition that was sent to every home in the ward has attracted more than 1,000 signatures in support of the campaign.

"The combined petition will be presented to the cabinet on April 29.

"We would urge residents to attend the meeting to make their voice heard on this matter."

Campaigners at the association fear they will have to move for the second time in as many years if the centre is sold off.

Walsall Council is holding a public consultation about the centre's future and say no decision has been made.

While more than 130 attended a public meeting to discuss the issue and the future of the centre, a former care home.

15,000 health issues raised

MORE than 15,000 concerns were raised about environmental health issues in Walsall last year. The requests for assistance ranged from rat infestations and unsafe food to diseases, dangerous work practices and noise nuisance.

Councillor Khizar Hussain, head of communities, said: "Last year the environmental health service responded to 15,000 requests for assistance with regard to matters posing a threat to the health of the borough's residents, workers and visitors.

"As a key link between health and economy the service supported over 1,000 businesses with visits to ensure they complied with regulations. Despite this there were traders and residents who breached the law and were subject to robust enforcement action."

History society focuses on The Black Death

THE next meeting of the Amblecote History Society will take place on May 13. Kevin Goodman will talk about The Black Death in the West Midlands from 7.30pm in The Lehr Theatre at the Ruskin Centre. Visit www.amblecote historysociety.org.uk

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Empty shop tally is over 25 mark for the borough

MORE than 25 shop units are standing empty in district centres in parts of Walsall, figures have shown.

In Darlaston there are eight which are vacant, the equivalent of eight per cent and just under five per cent in Willenhall, 11 shops.

Furthermore, there are nine empty units in Aldridge, which represents over five per cent. Figures for Bloxwich and Brownhills are currently not available. It comes after Walsall town centre was highlighted as being in the top 10 in the country for the number of vacant units.

Council chiefs say the number of units are expected to decrease with some under redevelopment and some up for offer. Officers are also offering support on business rates and looking to make sure derelict shops are filled.

Regeneration chief, councillor Mohammed Nazir, said: "We are going to make sure we up our game to encourage new business and people to keep their shops open. It is difficult for the smaller business to meet their ends because of the financial challenges.

"I think they are as important as the town centre. Some people identify themselves to a district centre, it is important we have very vibrant and exciting district centres as well as Walsall town centre. I want us to assist and support and give guidance to local businesses and encourage people from outside to come to Walsall."

More than 500 business units are trading in Walsall town centre despite an independent study saying there has been a rise in vacant shops.

Cannabis-linked rubbish dumped

TWELVE bin liners filled with cannabis plant waste were found dumped in a Walsall country lane.

The drugs paraphernalia was discovered in Bodens Lane, Pheasey. Councillor Mike Bird, who represents the area, hit out at the offenders.

He said Bodens Lane, together with Doe Bank Lane and Pinfold Lane, on the rural outskirts of the borough, had become targets for flytippers.

Councillor Bird said: "Anything to do with drugs is totally abhorrent because they kill people but to dump it in a public place is even worse."

Council bosses said around 30 tons of rubbish is fly-tipped in the borough every week and more than £120,000 of public money is spent on cleaning up the mess each year.

Choir all set for charity concert

SHELFIELD Male Voice Choir holds its annual charity concert on Saturday at St John's Methodist Church, Bloxwich at 7pm. Admission is £8 on the door. The choir will be singing hits from the shows and hymns.

Friends take on fundraising trek



Walkers Terri Whitehouse, Beverley Longsden and Sarah Butler

A GROUP of walkers tackled a nine-mile trek to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society.

The team was led by Terri Whitehouse, who has previously walked along the Great Wall of China and along the River Nile.

She was joined by eight members of her Weight Watchers group and three friends.

They all walked a circular nine mile route from Short Heath in Willenhall through Essington and back to the start. The trek, which took just over three hours to complete, was in aid of the Alzheimer's Society after Weight Watchers leader Beverley Longsden's mother Hilary, aged 76, was diagnosed with dementia."

The 67-year-old walked along the Great Wall of China in 2006. She also drove through the Sahara Desert with her son Mark in 2009 for charity.

Brilliant

Mrs Whitehouse, who lives in Short Heath, added: "Beverley has so far raised over £700. We are hoping our walk will take that to over £1,000.

"The walk went really well. The conditions were brilliant. It was a bit windy at the end though."

Miss Longsden added: "I'd like to thank all my members who did the walk. They lose weight together, are good friends and now they've done this.

"My mom suffers from dementia, not as bad as it could be. She's a fantastic woman. I started raising money a couple of months ago."

Miss Longsden runs 13 Weight Watchers groups in total across Wolverhampton, Willenhall and Bloxwich.

Conwoman gets 10 more months for lies in court

A BEAUTY salon owner jailed for fraud has been told to spend even more time behind bars – for lying to the judge during a trial.

Last year at Wolverhampton Crown Court, Tina Patel, from Walsall, was jailed for 42 months after admitting five counts of fraud by false representation.



Tina Patel

During the trial, Patel claimed she had repaid £6,000 in rent arrears to her landlady in Walsall and produced a receipt to Judge Nicholas Webb. But he became suspicious of the document and ordered an investigation.

Police inquiries have since revealed that the purported signatory, Mrs Carol Aulton, was 'flabbergasted' when shown the forged receipt and that she said she had not received a penny of the rent arrears.

Patel, aged 38, formerly of Waterfront Way, admitted a new charge of perjury at Stafford Crown Court and was jailed for a further 10 months.

During the trial last year, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard Patel, who owned Creative Salons in Park Place, tricked wholesalers by sending emails purporting to be from bank officials confirming transfer payments.

And she repeatedly wrote cheques from closed bank accounts to cover monthly payments on a rented property in Boulevard Walk, Birchills, amassing arrears of £7,500 before eventually being evicted.

Recorder Mr Christopher Goodchild told her: "What a sad way to spend your life. You are stupid enough, in front of a judge well-skilled in matters of fraud, you try to trick him."

Investigating officer Det Con Launa Rowley,said: "Patel tried downplaying the scam throughout. She initially claimed the bounced cheques were innocent mistakes.

"However, I was in court alongside Patel's landlady when her defence team produced the receipt. She told me she'd not written it and that her signature must have been forged.

"A handwriting expert concluded that the receipt was a fake and Patel begrudgingly admitted writing it herself. She is a habitual liar and has rightly been punished."

Flower power call by bosses



Debbie Turner at Mali Jenkins house wants local businesses to donate potted plants and garden furniture

A RESIDENTIAL home in Walsall is looking to introduce a splash of colour – and has launched an appeal for pot plants.

Staff at Mali Jenkins are hoping to bring some cheer to residents through plants and flowers in the coming weeks.

They are asking for donations from members of the community or businesses for the garden and the conservatory.

Furthermore, anyone who has outdoor seating furniture for the residents aged 60 plus to use are also asked to come forward.

The aim is to create a homely base for the 20 elderly people who are based at the home in The Crescent.

Activity co-ordinator Debbie Turner said: "We are asking the community if they can donate a pot or a plant so we can make things colourful. Some people can't get outside, so it would be nice if they could sit in the conservatory and look out."

To coincide with Dementia Awareness Week a fundraising event is due on May 23 in aid of the Alzheimer's Society.

There will be a raffle, games and afternoon tea during the event.

Mali Jenkins was the first specialist residential home in the UK that was specifically designed to care for people with Parkinson's Disease.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Fraud warning on police calls

HOMEOWNERS are being warned of a fraud that has seen a man pretend to be a police officer, after at least two people were targeted in Walsall.

Police say they have had reports in Pheasey which sees a fake official call on the phone and ask for security details after saying their account was hacked. In one offence in Park Farm Road an 'officer' called a man claiming to be from Harbourne Police.

They said there were two people in custody for attempting to use the man's debit card but the target realised the con and put the phone down.

Checking game out at parlour

YOUNG chess players were invited to a Mayor's parlour to celebrate the growing popularity of their club. Bloxwich Junior Chess Club met Mayor of Walsall Councillor Pete Smith.

Ray Dolan's club has outgrown St James's Church in Bloxwich, where it was based for three years, after up to 20 people started attending sessions.

They are at Ryecroft Community Hub in New Forest Road on Saturdays, 10am to 11.30am. Mr Dolan said more young people were trying the game. Email raymonddolan5@gmail.com or call him on 07980 101744.

Health checks on roadshows

FREE health checks will be on offer at a series of roadshows to raise awareness of the causes of stroke and coronary heart disease.

Rotary clubs across the West Midlands have helped organise the events.

On May 9, Brownhills Methodist Church is the venue from 8.30am-12.30pm. On May 15 it is at the Saddlers Centre from 10am-4pm; May 16 Aldridge Methodist Church, 10am-4pm and May 23, Asda supermarket in Darlaston from 10am to 2pm.

Yobs problem sparks spending on gates

THOUSANDS of pounds are being spent on gating pathways near homes in Great Barr following fears over crime and anti-social behaviour.

Cash is being spent for the steel gates to installed on the walkways behind homes in Appleton Avenue following a consultation with residents, councillors and police.

Three more gates will be installed restricting access to the alleyways, costing around £4,000 each, over the coming weeks.

FoI requests rise

THE number of Freedom of Information requests to a Black Country borough has increased over the last four years. The amount of requests for information, covering all aspects of council issues, from Walsall Council has risen from 946 in 2011 to 1,608 in 2014, figures have shown.

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It's time we made more of our own rich history

PHONICS. Why don't we spell that the way we pronounce it?

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HAVING just returned from a few days in Normandy, one thing that struck me was the innovative ways they have of making the most out of their historic buildings and places.

Probably the most spectacular attraction was the four-storey, cylindrical photographic panorama at Rouen, which really makes you feel like you are standing in the middle of 4th-century Rome.

Now imagine if we had such a thing in the Black Country, depicting what the area would have looked like 1,000 years ago. Thousands would flock to it from all over the Midlands. Of course, that would require some serious money, but there are other, simpler and cheaper options.

In the grounds of a Norman Castle, there were several binocular-like devices pointing at the building, allowing people to see how it would have looked in the Middle Ages. The Black Country has a rich and fascinating history and some superb attractions. There is so much more we could do with a little imagination.

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BACK in 1997, in a rush of patriotic fervour, I bought a Rover 800 car. It was a gesture I very quickly lived to regret as the thing seemed to spend most of the next two years stuck on the ramp in the garage.

Sticking valves, blown head gaskets and a big appetite for catalytic converters, patience finally snapped when it ground to a standstill in a big puff of smoke on my way to work.

Churning out cars like that, it's not hard to see why Rover production ground to an abrupt halt 10 years ago. That said, it is hard not to feel sad at the loss of a great British institution, particularly as we no longer have any genuinely British-owned car manufacturers.

Some people may remember a chap called Jon Moulton, a venture capitalist from Stoke, who tried to buy Rover five years before its collapse. His plans, to reduce the workforce by two thirds and turn the group into a smaller producer of niche cars sparked howls of protest. Not to mention the usual noisy demonstrations from the sort of people who would protest against fresh air if they had a banner handy.

The protesters won the day, Moulton threw in the towel, and along came the Phoenix Four with bold promises about keeping mass production at Longbridge by churning out vast volumes of the same old products that nobody liked. Looking back, Rover's demise was inevitable once the Phoenix Four took over. But 10 years on, Moulton still insists he could have saved Longbridge. I have no idea whether that is true, but he couldn't have done much worse, could he?



A young John on his first day at school in Dresden, Germany



A packed out hall at Aldridge School, during the event



Mother Trude and father Curt with John's brother in 1928

Heartbreak of the Holocaust recalled

A unique perspective of one of the worst atrocities in human history – a visiting Holocaust survivor shared his personal tragedy with Walsall pupils

"WE too won't be spared and will go bravely into the unknown with the hope that we shall yet see you again when God wills."

These are the chilling and heartbreaking words discovered by Holocaust survivor John Fieldsend in a letter from his parents who both died at Auschwitz during the Second World War.

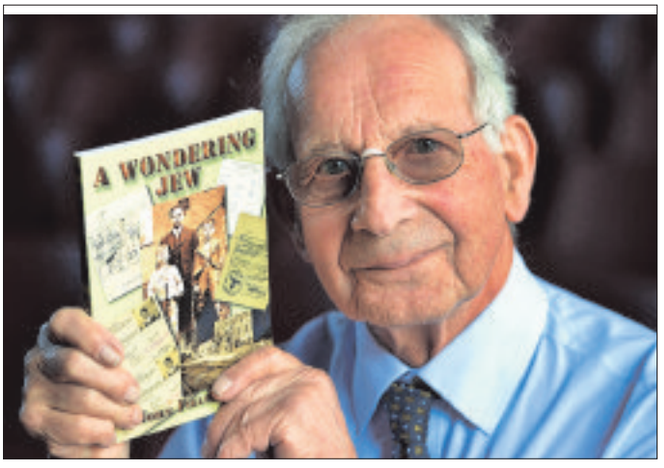
He was just seven-years-old when he was forced to say farewell to them and escape from Czechoslovakia to England as part of a rescue mission to save hundreds of Jewish children in the lead-up to the war.

Born into a Jewish family in Czechoslovakia during 1931, Mr Fieldsend and his then 10-year-old brother Gert left behind their mother Trude and father Curt and travelled to England by Kindertransport, via train and boat, in 1939 to be fostered by two separate families. The German-Czech family, had fled to Czechoslovakia from Germany in 1937 to escape anti-Jewish persecution, only to find themselves again under threat.

Wristwatch

The 84-year-old, who was born Hans Heinrich Feige, told his story to 230 year nine students at Aldridge School as part of a visit organised by the Holocaust Educational Trust on Wednesday – the 70th anniversary of the liberation of the Bergen Belsen concentration camp. The retired Anglican vicar, who converted from Judaism as a young man, was given a wristwatch by his mother before boarding the train and setting off for his final destination of Sheffield, where he was fostered by Leslie Cumpsty, a colliery manager, and his wife, Vera. His brother was fostered by a different family.

Mr Fieldsend, who now lives in Thame, near Oxford, and regularly gives talks to schoolchildren, said: "We were split up but near each other in different parts of Sheffield. I still saw him quite a lot. It was a bit scary at the time. I was only seven."



Holocaust survivor John Fieldsend seen with the book he wrote on his experiences

For a short while, he was able to keep in contact with his parents through letters with a limited word count. He was a teenager when a package arrived in 1946.

Someone had discovered a collection of photograph albums in his grandparents' house in Czechoslovakia, and asked the International Red Cross to find the rightful owner.

Inside one album, in a letter his mother had written: "Dear Boys. When you receive this letter the war will be over. We want to say farewell to you who were our dearest possession in the world." She added that in December 1942 'it will be our turn, and the time has therefore come for us to turn to you again and to ask you to become good men and think of the years we were happy together'.

His father had also written: "We too won't be spared and will go bravely into the unknown with the hope that we shall yet see you again when God wills. Don't forget us and be good. I too thank all the good people who have accepted you so nobly."

After the war, Mr Fieldsend remained with his foster family, moving with them around the UK. "As children, we just wanted to get on with life," he said. "We ended up moving to Wakefield."

Through researching records much later on in his life, he discovered his parents died at Auschwitz concentration camp in Poland, he believes in gas chambers. The grandfather-of-seven, who married his wife Elizabeth in 1961, said: "I think it's important that the younger generation learns first -hand about what happened.

"I do talks about twice a month in schools in the Midlands and the south of England. I've spoken to around 15,000 children in the past eight years. The children at Aldridge School were super. They were so quiet when I was talking but then so animated with their questions."

Mr Fieldsend published his autobiography, A Wondering Jew, last year.

Beth Larkin, head of key stage four religious studies at Aldridge School, who helped to organise the visit, said: "The kids have been really engaged and inspired.

"To be able to hear a first hand testimony is invaluable. We want them to learn lessons from the Holocaust."

More than 600 children were saved by the Kindertransport rescue effort, which had been organised by British humanitarian Sir Nicholas Winton.

The former stockbroker abandoned a planned holiday to answer a call for help from a friend in Czechoslovakia engaged in saving Jews from the Nazis. He worked in Prague, helping to prepare children for evacuation to Britain before returning to London to organise their resettlement.

Founded by Lord Janner of Braunstone and the late Lord Merlyn Rees in 1988, the Holocaust Educational Trust was formed as a result of renewed interest and need for knowledge about the Holocaust during the passage of the War Crimes Act 1991.

It aims is to raise awareness and understanding in schools and amongst the wider public of the Holocaust and its relevance today. One of the Trust's first achievements was to ensure that the Holocaust was included in the National Curriculum for England in 1991 for key stage three students.

Since 1999, the Trust has given thousands of post-16 students and teachers the opportunity to visit the Nazi concentration and death camp Auschwitz-Birkenau as part of a four-part educational programme.

Karen Pollock, chief executive of the Holocaust Educational Trust, added: "The Holocaust Educational Trust educates and engages students from across the UK, from all communities about the Holocaust and there can be no better way than through the first-hand testimony of a survivor."

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On track with travel options

I BELIEVE T Weller's letter of April 7 proposing the reopening of various urban railway lines is based on a false assumption; that the success of a railway re-opening depends simply on population density.

The line in 'rural Scotland' which he or she thinks a waste of money in fact serves an important part of the Edinburgh travel-to-work area and offers significant advantages in time to commuters from Galashiels or Melrose working in the capital compared with car travel.

Rail fares may also be cheaper than the cost of car use and parking. Locally, we could look at two re-openings of lines around Walsall – one a huge success, the other a dismal failure – to test the idea that population density is the key issue.

The Cannock Chase line has proved highly successful – with an attendant problem of overcrowded trains – and is soon to be electrified. Its re-opening has allowed commuters and leisure travellers from Rugeley, Bloxwich and Cannock much quicker journeys to Birmingham. By contrast, the reopening of the Walsall-Wolverhampton line, in a much more densely populated area, was a short-lived failure.

The headline 10-minute journey time lost its attraction when service interval was taken into account.

The 529 bus runs between Walsall and Wolverhampton so frequently that there's no need to look at the timetable.

Nobody is going to wait 55 minutes for the next ten-minute train service, when a bus leaving now will get you there in half an hour. Furthermore, many parts of Walsall and Wolverhampton already have direct bus services to the other urban centre. People from Bloxwich don't go to Walsall to catch a train to Wolverhampton.

A T HARRISON
Walsall

Borough rich in folk sound

I REFER to the article regarding the 'relaunch' of Walsall Folk Club, after a period of 50 years.

As someone who appreciates live acoustic music I wish it well, but would like to point out that they are not the only venue of its type. The longest continuously running folk/acoustic music club in Walsall – plus, incidentally, also the neighbouring boroughs of Wolverhampton and Sandwell, I believe – is Common Folk which is located at Pelsall Cricket & Sports Club, Walsall Road, Pelsall.

Therefore, may I point out that Common Folk folk/acoustic music club opens every Thursday evening from 8.30pm. It welcomes all members of the community, either as listeners or performers on their 'open mic' type nights, and they have a monthly guest night, when they play host to artists from around the UK. Guests from Canada, Australia and the USA, etc, have also appeared there.

S LAMBERTON
Aldridge

Happy with our prompt GP service

I HAVE just read T Mills' letter (April 9) regarding waiting times to see a doctor.

This morning I rang my doctor's surgery at 8.20am and saw the doctor just three hours later at 11.20am.

My family members rarely wait more than 24 hours for an appointment with a doctor or nurse.

We are always happy with the attention we receive from doctors, nurses and receptionists at St Luke's Surgery in Bloxwich.

We were told that more than 300 had failed to attend appointments this year so far and had not bothered to ring up and cancel.

All those lost appointments could be re-allocated to someone in need of care.

Perhaps this might be a contributing factor to the problem?

J F SMITH
Willenhall

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Duncan Edwards' statue a total mess

FURTHER to the letter from L Sheldon – E&S Thursday April 9, how I agree with his observation regarding the placing of the Duncan Edwards statue.

Together with my husband and two friends we were returning home from the Red Cone Museum and decided to detour to look around Dudley town centre.

It had been years since either of us had been to Dudley and we all later agreed that we wish we hadn't bothered. Duncan's statue stands out like a sore thumb, in the middle of the new pedestrianised area.

A masterpiece in itself, it deserves to be positioned in an appropriate spot where it can receive some respect.

There sat people around the plinth, happily eating their takeaway food, blissfully unaware of the icon positioned above them. It's completely out of character with the surrounding buildings – a complete mess.

The only redeeming fact is that the fountain is being returned to its original place. But even that will look odd – the stately fountain at one end and in stark contrast to Duncan's colourful statue at the other.

P POOLE
Willenhall

Key to a gem with museum

RECENTLY I have seen Willenhall with different eyes.

Instead of criticising rundown areas, ill-fitting new builds, etc, I came upon a true treasure – the Willenhall Lock Museum.

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Bin liners find sparks cannabis message

THE growing of cannabis will not be tolerated, council bosses have vowed, after bin liners filled with plant waste were discovered in a country lane.

Drugs paraphernalia was found in Bodens Lane, Pheasey, by Walsall Council officers. Kate Bowers, interim head of communities and public protection said: "Growing of cannabis in commercial and domestic premises is an issue that will not be tolerated in Walsall.

"Detection is difficult and partners rely on the vigilance of residents, businesses and landlords to identify anywhere that might be being used for this purpose. We ask that anything suspicious is reported to the police via their 101 number, to Walsall Council environmental health team on 01922 653020 or to Crimestoppers 0800 555 111."

Council bosses say around 30 tons of rubbish is fly-tipped in the borough every week and more than £120,000 of public money spent on cleaning up the mess each and every year.

Children's services leader to leave post

A CHILDREN'S services boss in the Black Country is leaving her role after just seven months in charge.

Councillor Barbara Cassidy, cabinet member for education and children's social care for Walsall Council, has decided not to stand for re-election.

She said she had been feeling 'trapped' in the role but said it was no reflection on the high-pressure task of trying to improve standards in the borough's schools.

She broke the news at a meeting of the full council. She said she wanted to focus on her family and career in social work after 11 years as a Labour representative in Brownhills. She said. "I have been feeling trapped. Leaving is not an easy decision to make."

Councillor Cassidy took charge of the department that runs schools and children's social services in August when Labour wrested control of the town hall from the Tory-Lib Dem coalition. She re-instated an education challenge board to monitor school performance across the borough. Since becoming portfolio holder she has also pushed through improvement plans after it was revealed that only 57 per cent of secondary school pupils in Walsall attend good or outstanding establishments.

The figure rose to 68 per cent for pupils attending primary schools but the borough still has one of the lowest rankings in the region, according to Ofsted.

Following a recent visit by two Department of Education officials, the children's social care unit will no longer be monitored by Whitehall as a result of the good progress being made.

By Deborah Hardiman

And this little piggy got the public vote



Owner Richard Simkin with the Swine-Ometer that has been installed at Essington Fruit Farm

WHOSE political bacon are you going to save this General Election? Visitors to Essington Fruit Farm could draw a cross inside the Conservapig box, show support for Laboar, Pigeral Democrats or the Greeny Pig Party – or even decide if they want UPIG to win.

The farm has opened up its annual Swine-Ometer for the public to share their party preference before May 7.

The site wants people to cast their vote in reception depending on who they want to see in power, with the relevant wooden pigs moving closer to a trough the more votes they get. Farm owner Richard Simkin said: "Last time out the Swine-Ometer was very popular and actually quite close to how the General Election turned out.

"This is just a bit of fun, nothing malicious against politicians, we do it every election and everyone has a good laugh about it."

Visitors are greeted by a sign asking them whose bacon they will save and who will be getting the chop upon arrival and Mr Simkin says competition is very closely fought.

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Group is sailing on to a new premises

A GROUP which helps people learn to sail has relocated to a new home.

Walsall Sailability which supports anyone with disabilities to enjoy the water has relocated from its previous base in Sneyd Lane to Barns Lane in Aldridge.

It has now affiliated with Aldridge Sailing Club and a free open day is taking place on Saturday.

Jeff Moore, will continue to run Walsall Sailability and said: "Sailing is one of the few sports where people of all abilities really can take part alongside each other on a level playing field.

"The affiliation to Aldridge SC is the way forward for the group in the long-term both in terms of the further opportunities Walsall Sailability can offer to sailors staying involved in the sport into the future and promoting true social inclusion."

Mr Moore added: "The group is self-sufficient with families owning their own specially-adapted Access dinghies and powerboats, while we are working with Aldridge to secure funding to invest in facilities to accommodate people with disabilities on a regular basis."

Students learn of hero in poignant Great War tour

PUPILS from Darlaston's secondary school paid an emotional visit to Great War battlefields – and learned about the fate of a Black Country war hero.

Two Grace Academy pupils, Aaron Noad and Nathan Ankritt, toured Belgium and northern France as part of their history studies – and have now spoken of their poignant visit.

Among the topics at the Herbert's Park Road school was the life and times of Darlaston's Cpl Thomas Horton, aged 32, who was killed in action on October 26, 1917 during the Second Battle of Passchendaele.

The schoolboys visited his memorial at Tyne Cot Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery, in Ypres, Belgium and are now trying to track down his living relatives to tell them what they have found out.



Aaron Noad and Nathan Ankritt discover Cpl Horton's name

Honoured

Nathan said: "It was an extremely emotional and thought provoking trip and one that I will never forget."

"I feel honoured to have been chosen to represent my local area."

The First World War Centenary Battlefield Tours Programme was set up to help teachers and children to develop a deeper understanding of the 1914-18 conflict.

Grace Academy history teacher Andrew Reilly, who accompanied the pupils, said: "The centenary project has provided students and teachers with a wonderful and perhaps once in a lifetime opportunity.

"Many students or staff may never return to these places, others may make pilgrimages with their families.

"The act of remembrance is just as important for people to make a hundred years on to realise the loss and tragedy that war can bring and the effect on a nation. This trip re-ignited the message of remembrance for me and I hope it will inspire the next generation to continue to honour our war dead and to help them ensure that this scale of conflict never recurs."

The boys were among a group of 16 schools on the four-day visit to the Western Front organised by University College London and the Institute of Education.

They attended The Last Post Ceremony in Ypres, visited museums, battlefield sites, memorials and the Thiepval Memorial in the Somme, France.

Nathan and Aaron will also be participating in the Legacy 110 programme that encourages students to share their experiences via community projects such as a study of a local soldier, the role played by women, the contribution of Commonwealth forces,

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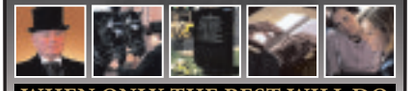
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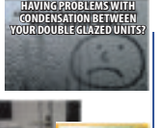
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Diversions in city centre during project

NEW diversions will be set up next month as part of the next stage of the £500 million redevelopment in Birmingham city centre.

Paradise Circus is being transformed including demolishing the former city library and creating new retail and office space.

Access will be partially closed to Paradise Circus, the Sand Pits area, Broad Street and Summer Row from May 10. Diversions for traffic will be signposted. Bus services 82, 83, 87, 89, 10H and 126 will be affected.

Pedestrians and cyclists will still be able to travel through Paradise Forum although this will change this summer.

Businesses and venues on Summer Row will remain open and the A38 tunnels will operate as normal.

Traffic manager, Kevin Hicks, said: "The works programme has been developed to keep disruption to a minimum.

"However the scale of these activities means that impact on traffic flows, particularly at peak times, is inevitable.

"We would urge everyone to plan their journeys carefully and where possible use public transport as an alternative to travelling in to the city centre by car."

Ex-footballer in burglary fell down stairs with TV

A FORMER semi-professional footballer burgled a house while high on drugs and alcohol, falling down the stairs while carrying a stolen TV in the process, a court heard.

Arthur Appleton, whose sporting career was cut short by injury, was one of two men who raided a nine-bedroom property in Hazel Lane, Great Wyrley in February this year.

Appleton, aged 33, of Broad Meadow Lane, Great Wyrley, fell downstairs with a stolen TV and was arrested after police found the broken electrical item at his home. He admitted a charge of burglary at Stafford Crown Court and was given a 12-month prison sentence suspended for 18 months.

He was also ordered to do 150 hours of unpaid work and must undertake an alcohol abuse programme.

Judge Michael Chambers QC told him: "You started life with a lot of promise as a professional footballer, but whatever your difficulties, it was no excuse for committing a burglary."

Appleton and his accomplice had got in to a self-contained bedsit extension to the home of Mrs Sarah Degg on February 17.

Mr Robert Edwards, prosecuting, said Mrs Degg was woken by a noise around 5.30am and heard voices outside. She saw two figures near the stairs to the bedsit and she shouted at them. Her husband also shouted a warning and the two men drove off at speed in a transit van.

By chance, a policeman saw the van parked in a lay-by and thought he recognised the defendant in it. Before he could clarify his suspicions, the van drove off. Officers went to Appleton's home later the same day. He was found hiding in the garden.

Stanley's legacy for cause



Hazel Auburn, wife of Stanley and sons Derek and Gary trying out the new equipment

A HEART problem rehabilitation charity in Walsall, has recently received a new exercise bike paid for by donations following the death of one of its members.

Stanley Auburn died aged 85 in December last year. He endured angina for 40 years. The condition is caused by the narrowing of the arteries and restricts blood transferring to the heart. Each year it is estimated that one in every 100 people with stable angina will have a fatal heart attack or stroke.

However, despite this, angina failed to create an impact on Mr Auburn's lifestyle. He regularly attended Heart Care, which helps rehabilitate patients who suffer from heart and lung disease.

In January his funeral was held with donations being collected for Heart Care. Enough money was raised to purchase a new exercise bike to help keep those in need keep active.

A spokesman said: "Unfortunately Heart Care has lost an inspirational member but Stanley's contribution to the organisation will continue to help create an active impact on others."

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Taxi drivers penalised across the borough

MORE than a dozen taxi drivers have been warned, given penalty points or had their licences revoked in Walsall in the space of six months, it has emerged. Drivers have been penalised for a range of offences ranging from overcharging, drink driving and failing to properly secure a wheelchair.

Enforcement action was taken by Walsall Council's licensing officers on 16 occasions between last August and January this year.

One driver had their licence revoked after using inappropriate language to a female passenger and another for having a conviction of sexual assault.

One man who was convicted of plying for hire and using a vehicle without insurance was hit with a bill of £920 and endorsed with six penalty points on his licence. Other reasons for being brought before the council were having too many points and not producing medical reports.

Support pledge as £9.5m specialist school to shut

A SPECIALIST school in Walsall is to close this summer after less than four years.

The £9.5 million Black Country University Technical College is to shut with the blame being put on finances, staffing, student numbers and a poor inspection.

The UTC, which specialises in engineering, had been earmarked to move to a new home next to Walsall College next year under multi-million pound plans to accommodate up to 480 pupils. Catering for pupils aged 14-to-19, it has been based at the former Sneyd Community School site, off Vernon Way, Bloxwich, since September 2011.

It was anticipated hundreds of students would relocate to the new site, a former car repair shop in Portland Street from next April.

But governors have now announced the UTC will close on August 31. They insist they will offer support and guidance to students as they seek an alternative place to receive an education.

Principal Paul Averis said: "This has been a difficult decision for all concerned. Our primary focus remains the wellbeing and success of the students, not least those due to sit exams this term. We are absolutely committed to ensuring all our students can continue with their chosen learning outcomes.BCUTC will work closely with the Department for Education, Walsall College and other local institutions to ensure a smooth transition."

A statement issued through the governors said: "This outcome has been reached following a recent disappointing inspection."



The Black Country University Technical College, Vernon Way, Bloxwich

Flypasts to be part of day

A SPITFIRE, Hurricane and Dakota will fly overhead as an event is held to celebrate the 70th anniversary of VE Day. It is part of a 1940s weekend at Willenhall Rugby Club in Bognop Road, Essington.

On May 3 the Spitfire and Hurricane will fly past at 1.20pm, followed by the Dakota at 2.10pm.

And on May 2 and 3 there will be a vintage hairdresser, stalls selling old fashioned sweets and vintage items, military displays and vehicles and 1940s-style entertainment. Entrance is £3 for adults and £2 children and pensioners, while veterans go free.

Organiser Sarah Brady said: "The weekend will be full of nostalgia, music, re-enactors and displays to remember those bygone days and all in aid of charity. To celebrate we will be joined by the allied forces and our own lads making sure to keep everyone in line and hope to finish it off with a good old fashioned proms-style singsong."

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Fresh appeal to catch fast food driver killers

A FRESH appeal has been launched by detectives trying to track down the killers of a takeaway driver who was ambushed in Walsall two years ago.

Murder victim Yasar Abbas was delivering Chinese takeaway food to an address in Madison Avenue, Alumwell, when he was attacked during the early hours of April 13, 2013. Detectives believe the takeaway order was bogus and that Mr Abbas was ambushed as he got out of his car.

Witnesses have described how three people approached the silver Vauxhall Corsa and attacked the 28-year-old.

Mr Abbas, who split his time living in Blackburn and Birchills, was taken to hospital with life-threatening injuries but died four days later. During the investigation 10 people were arrested and questioned but they were all later released. Anyone with information should call 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Takeaway closure as droppings found

A TAKEAWAY restaurant in Walsall has been temporarily closed after mouse droppings were discovered in food preparation and storage areas.

Spicy Lane in Harden Road was ordered to shut after a hygiene prohibition order was served by Walsall Council. The notice was confirmed at Walsall Magistrates Court, meaning it will remain closed until officers are satisfied any risk to the public has been removed.

Neil Harris, principal environmental health officer, said: "Mice can carry many infectious diseases, such as salmonella and E.coli and can damage food stocks and premises." He added regular inspections are carried out at all businesses across the borough who prepare, serve and sell food.

80mph in a 30? It's a Sunday jaunt, says career criminal

A CAREER criminal who led police on an 80mph chase through a 30mph zone boasted 'that was just a Sunday afternoon jaunt for me – I'm a trainee Formula 1 driver' when he was finally arrested.

Report by John Scott

Jeremiah Butler has now been jailed for 16 months and banned from the roads for two years. The 47-year-old has 20 previous convictions for 46 separate offences. Wolverhampton Crown Court heard he had a 'need for speed'.

The court heard Butler drove on the wrong side of the road, forcing oncoming traffic to take evasive action, as he hurtled towards them at 80mph in a 30mph zone in the Black Country.

Butler was desperate to get away because he knew he would be returned to prison after breaking the terms of his early release from a seven-and-a-half year sentence for drug smuggling, the court was told.

Mr Howard Searle, prosecuting, said that Butler careered through three sets of red traffic lights at 40mph during the five minute pursuit along Walsall residential streets at 5.30am on March 18 last year. He then forced a policeman putting a 'stinger' across the Walsall town centre ring road to leap out of the way by steering straight at him in an attempt to avoid the spikes.

But he missed and the car was brought to a standstill as intended when its tyres were burst. The court heard that Butler made the Formula 1 comment when he was told he was being arrested for dangerous driving. Police had wanted to stop the car because its details had been circulated to forces throughout the Midlands following a domestic incident in Mansfield.

Mr Anthony Cartin, defending, called for the punishment to be tempered because of the unexplained delay in getting the case to court. Butler, of no fixed address, pleaded guilty to dangerous driving and was jailed for 16 months by Recorder Jason Macadam.

"Despite the time of the morning when this happened, numerous vehicles driving correctly on their side of the road had to take evasive action.

Law firm one of the best employers



Kim Carr, managing partner of FBC Manby Bowdler, celebrates the firm's success

A LAW firm with branches in the Black Country is celebrating after being named as one of the best places to work in the UK, according to new national rankings.

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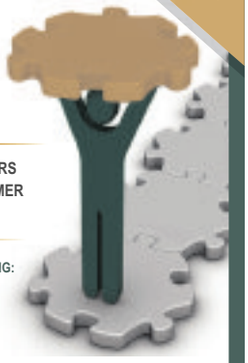
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Burrowing owls are the first owls to arrive of hundreds due to relocate for the World Wild Owl Trust

WITH its piercing eyes and pristine feathers, this stunning owl has been turning heads at an animal centre which is a favourite with people from all over the Black Country

The adorable-looking bird of prey is one of seven burrowing owls to arrive this week at the Animal Zone at South Staffordshire College's Rodbaston Campus.

It is part of a phased move that will eventually see 100 owls temporarily housed in aviaries at the site by the World Owl Trust before they move the birds to a new centre being established in the West Midlands next year.

Seven burrowing owls are settling into their new home near Penkridge – with visitors able to see them for the first time next month.

Work has been carried out to create new aviaries for the feathered guests. The owls will all be moved to their new permanent home some time next year – possibly Himley Hall in Dudley.

World Owl Trust board member Alan Peace said: "The trust is in advanced negotiations for a lease from Dudley Council to take over the old walled garden at Himley Hall."

Killer who chopped up body jailed for 19 years

MURDERER Lorenzo Simon is behind bars – as horrific new video emerged of him disposing of his victim's body in a suitcase.

Simon stuffed Michael Spalding's body parts into two suitcases and dumped them in a canal. Mrs Justice Thirlwall told Simon, 34, that his claim of acting in self defence was ridiculous.

By David Banner

She added: "You had no thought for him at all. Your focus, as so often in your life, was on what was best for you."

Simon, who has a criminal record dating back to when he was 14, used a saw, knife, hammer and chisel to chop up his friend's body, which was found stuffed in two suitcases in a Black Country canal. He was convicted after a four-week trial at Birmingham Crown Court and jailed for life with a minimum tariff of 19 years. The killer and his 35-year-old girlfriend Michelle Bird, who was pregnant at the time, offered Mr Spalding 'no dignity in death'.

The 39-year-old victim was killed in the house he shared with Simon and Bird in Oxford Road, Smethwick, on April 26 last year. Bird, who was cleared of murder and manslaughter but pleaded guilty to assisting an offender by helping Simon dump the suitcases in the Birmingham Canal, got two-and-a-half years.

Footage emerged of Simon dragging two large suitcases believed to contain Mr Spalding's body parts through the streets late at night before dumping them in a canal.

Theresa Hunt, representing Simon, said he was 'under stress' due to the domestic situation he was living in. Kalyani Kaul QC, for Bird, says she was in fear of Simon and she had instinctively 'stood by her man'.

Pregnant at the time of the murder, she gave birth in prison and the baby was taken from her. The child is now likely to be adopted.

Ms Kaul told the court that Bird expresses 'great shame and remorse'.

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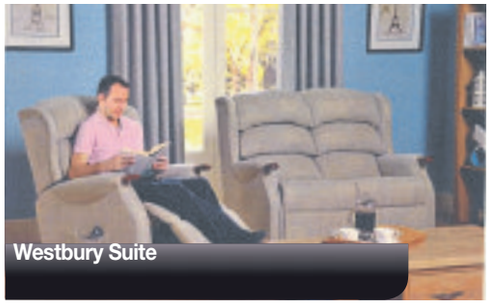


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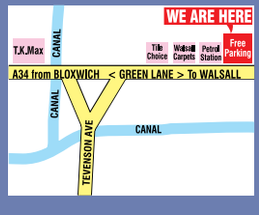
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Sad death of ex-members announced

Kingswinford TWG

CHAIRMAN Enid Fennell welcomed visitor Wendy Jacobs to the April meeting at the community centre in High Street. Sadly, she announced the deaths of two former members.

On a happier note, members were told that Brenda Adkins was now back at home after her stay in hospital and was doing well. Joyce Major was presented with a beautiful bouquet to mark her special wedding anniversary.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, approved and duly signed.

Husbands will be welcome this month as there will be a talk by Chris Smith about the trenches in the First World War.

Trips are planned for Moreton in Marsh and Bourton on the Water in July and a canal boat trip, possibly in September. Husbands and friends will be welcome to both.

The Federation is organising 'A Day at the Races' in June in Wollaston, with fish and chips and tea and cakes by way of refreshments.

Alan Pace gave an interesting description of his climb to the roof of Africa, i.e. Kilimanjaro. This was illustrated with gorgeous photographs. He was thanked by Joyce Major.

Marion Allman and Brenda Greenaway won the raffle prizes. Joyce was thanked for providing the flowers, which she donated as an extra prize.

The next meeting will be on May 11 when there will a talk entitled I Don't Like Apple Pie.

Cheques presented to chosen charities



From left, chairman Julia Willett, Sue Wright and vice chairman Astrid van der Burgt

Brownhills Townswomen's Guild

AT the April meeting, held at the Memorial Hall, Lichfield Road, Brownhills, a cheque presentation was made to the group's chosen charities of the year.

Each group received £550.

Julia Willett, TG chairman, made the presentation to Sue Wright, Beaver Cub leader, who with other adults has been selected to take a group of Beaver Cubs to Tokyo, Japan in August for the Scouts World Jamboree. The children and their parents have been fundraising all year and we are pleased to support this worthwhile organisation.

Meanwhile, Astrid van der Burgt, vice chairman, accepted the cheque on behalf of Kate's "Free2Bee" charity which helps under-privileged children in Kenya.

For information on guild meetings ring Mary on 01543 360 890.

A woman's life in the Old Bill

Wombourne E TG

APRIL'S speaker was Cas or 'Bill' Bailey to her colleagues in the West Midlands Police Force.

Members were delighted by her memories of life as a WPc cadet and new police officer in the 1970s when it was definitely a male dominated profession.

She had survived the 'teasing' which now makes for many funny incidents often due to her naivety as a very young recruit.

Her portrayal of herself and others kept members' attention throughout. Next month will be the club's birthday bash.

There is a new programme for the coming year which includes many intriguing talk titles and trips/activities.

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Specialist gifts help with dementia care

CARE home bosses are beating a path to a gift shop that specialises in goods for residents suffering from dementia. Mindful Gifts CIC opened its first branch, in King Street, Darlaston, last year after a successful launch on the internet.

Business founder Vicki Phipps, said: "We originally started as a gift shop selling gifts such as large piece jigsaws, adult colouring books and memory books. These made great gift ideas for people with dementia, but we are now are selling these to professionals who are looking for dementia-friendly activities.

"We are now getting care staff visit our shop to find out what kind of activities are available. On some occasions they are bringing residents to see what sort of activities they like to do. It's lovely because people with dementia can over a cuppa, reminisce over all the things that are in the shop and try out some activities."

Police search on for serial golf shop thief

THREE police forces are now trying to track down a serial golf shop thief.

As many as 10 shops across are thought to have been targeted by the smooth-talking thief, with Galvin Green golf suits among items taken. Police said CCTV was being scoured. The man has struck at Penn Golf Club, as well as clubs in Sandwell and Great Barr.

Back in the saddle for charity

A GROUP of cyclists from the Black Country are preparing to take on a 50-mile charity ride through London.

Mathew Burling, aged 29, Steve Scrivens, 50, and Anita Crees are taking on the Stroke Association's Thames Bridges Bike Ride on May 10.

The team, dubbed as 'Team Sandwell', have taken on the event for the last eight years. Each member of the team had members of their families who died after suffering a stroke.

Mathew from Oldbury, said: "I have always liked to support the Stroke Association since I had the unfortunate instance of losing my nan to a massive stroke.

"Unfortunately back then in 2000 there was very little awareness and assistance available and no real treatment for the stroke was given.

"Back in 2007 I dusted off the old bike and joined some colleagues to take part in the bike ride.

"Since then, year in year out, during sun, rain, or shine, we have taken part in the charity ride and loved every minute!

"I want to raise vital funds for the charity so they can be there for more people who are faced with this devastating condition."

Steve, from Great Barr, added: "My first experience of stroke was when I was a teenager and my aunt had a devastating stroke. The impact of my aunt's stroke on her and

By Adam Burling

our family's life was massive. Her home was sold, and she had to be care for in a residential home.

"My aunt lived for two years after her stroke with very little quality of life.

"Sadly in 2012 my father had a massive stroke and was hospitalised for eight weeks, before having another stroke and sadly passing away.

"When my father passed away, my mother was hugely supported by the Stroke Association which we are forever grateful for.

"I want to take on this charity ride again so the charity can continue to be there for people in time of need."

To register to take part in the event visit http://www.stroke.org.uk/TBBR

First class job on railway signal box



General manager Mark Sealey at the reconstructed Brownhills West signal box

CHASEWATER Railway has resurrected a dilapidated signal box after it was donated to them by the National Rail network.

The heritage railway received the box from Madeley Junction – between Shifnal and Telford Central, after the West Coast Mainline, which stretches from London to Glasgow was re-signalled. Although it was donated in 2006 in a bad state of repair, it has since been refurbished and as of March this year has been used to operate the train line.

Mark Sealey, aged 54, the general manager of Chasewater Railway has been in charge of the project. He said the signal box has made the railway much simpler and safer than it was before.

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Pit Bank wenches, Blue Fly Pit, Wednesbury, circa 1890



Oldbury branch of Palethorpes butchers circa 1900



Workers at Palethorpes sausage factory, in Tipton, 1900

Rich industrial heritage is laid bare at exhibition



Chainmakers pictured circa 1910



Heavy and dirty work – Men at work at Noah Hingley & Sons, Netherton in 1954

THE full extent of the Black Country's rich industrial heritage is laid bare in a stunning new exhibition at the Black Country Living Museum.

From the glow of blast furnaces, to a bustling Walsall High Street at the turn of the century, the region's past is brought to the fore at the entrance to the popular Dudley attraction.

The revamped reception features a series of giant images depicting Black Country life through the ages, culminating with a five-minute film in a new 'cinema pod'.

Pipes

There are images of coal-blackened men with pipes hanging from their mouths, children playing in the streets between back-to-backs and of women working at mines. The project has taken three months to complete and replaces the attraction's previous 'Hall of Fame' exhibition.

The stunning pictures offer visitors a snapshot of life in the region from the 18th century onwards. They include a print by renowned artist and poet Edwin Butler Bayliss, whose paintings depict the Black Country as a smoke-filled engineering heartland.

Many of the region's famous businesses are also represented. They include a branch of Palethorpes butchers in Oldbury, complete with a large advertisement proudly boasting: 'Best Pork Goods'. The inner workings of the Palethorpes sausage factory in Tipton are shown in another image.

Workers at Wednesbury's famous Spear and Jackson factory in the 1960s are shown in another exhibit, while a stunning monochrome image shows a line of staff at the Revo metal polishing shop in Tipton.

The sprawling Guy Motors Fallings Park Works in Wolverhampton is also displayed.

Another image on display illustrates how the region's industrial exploits were lauded far beyond the boundaries of the Black Country. It shows a picture from the Illustrated London News in 1866 depicting dozens of smokestacks billowing over a landscape packed with factories.

But its not all grim and industrial, with one picture showing Wolverhampton's beautifully landscaped West Park at its finest, as mothers stroll alongside the pond with their babies in prams.

Walsall's busy High Street is depicted in a photograph taken in 1908, complete with the imposing figure of St Matthew's Church looming in the background.

Traditional

There's also a nod to how the BCLM has preserved the traditional industrial practices of the area.

Last November the museum was given permission for a new school entrance intended to cut queues. The building will be near the new Dudley Archives. For more information on the BCLM and details of events visit bclm.co.uk/

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Back breaking – pushing coal home in the 1950s



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Market site to be transformed

THE transformation of the old Brownhills market site has received the final go-ahead from planners. Homes will be built on the land under the regeneration plans by Walsall Housing Group.

More than 150 are also being built in nearby Silver Street and council planners have now given full permission for the old square to be revamped under delegated powers.

Stalls were scrapped in Brownhills in 2011 after 40 years. It had first shut down in June 2009 after then landlords Spook Erections failed to agree a new contract. Weeks later it was revived by council bosses but collapsed again in 2010. Another company LSD Promotions ran it briefly before pulling the plug in 2011.

New care home could bring 50 jobs in scheme for replacement premises

A FORMER care home will be flattened and a new facility built in its place, under new plans poised to create 50 jobs.

The former Meadow House in Short Heath, Willenhall has been derelict for a number of years and a target for vandalism and squatters.

Under the proposals it will be demolished and the new facility catering for 72 residents would be built alongside six new homes. It comes after controversial plans to build a mental health facility at the site, which surfaced more than two years ago, were withdrawn following widespread objection from more than 1,000 residents.

The new three-storey nursing home in Stroud Avenue would be U-shaped and the semi-detached homes would be built nearby. The plans have been lodged with Walsall Council by Birmingham-based MACC Care Limited, which already operates four nursing homes. A report, lodged with the plans, said that the company wants to provide 'high quality nursing facilities' which exceed the minimum standards applied by the Department of Health, social services and public safety.

It said: "A nursing home with 72 bedrooms, apart from fulfilling a need, will be a significant employer with approximately 50 full and part-time employees. In addition the home will require servicing by a number of support businesses and suppliers. As well as employing skilled healthcare professionals and facilities staff, the home would be an investor in people providing skills training and development for the various employees.

"MACC Care's proposals would involve not only improving on the existing building but also in providing exceedingly high quality soft and hard landscaping around the building."

There will be 23 car parking spaces, a dedicated ambulance parking bay and also a separate unloading bay for deliveries.

A planning application to create a mental health facility by Wolverhampton-based St Mary and St Michael's Medical Company, which was submitted in 2012, was withdrawn after a protest petition gathered more than 1,300 names.



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The rally was held at Alton Towers over last weekend.

Managing director David Parry, who founded the business 45 years ago, said:"We took the new Neoplan Statliner coach along on Friday and were delighted when it was announced as the winner on Sunday."

The competing vehicles were judged by industry experts.

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Mr Parry said a second Neoplan Starliner would be arriving next week taking the company's fleet of coaches up to 14.

Parrys now runs tours all year round and employs 35.

Aggregates firm in move for machine

A CONSTRUCTION aggregates supplier in Walsall has purchased a new crusher machine to help grow its production volumes by up to 50 per cent, thanks to the support of a £364,000 funding package from Lloyds Bank.

JPE Aggregates Limited acquired the new crusher machine for its quarry in Shire Oak, Walsall, to allow the business to meet industry demand for smaller graded aggregates, which are typically in short supply within the construction sector. A long-standing customer of Lloyds Bank Commercial Banking, the firm was referred to the bank's Commercial Finance team to secure a hire purchase facility. This means the company can pay down the full cost of the machinery over an agreed period to ensure its day-to-day cashflow remains fluid.

Established in 1995, JPE Aggregates has grown to become one of the Midlands' leading suppliers of aggregates, sand and soils to the construction industry. With quarries in Walsall and Wolverhampton, the firm employs 70 people, and has a fleet of 25 vehicles, and through its recent expansion, is expecting its annual turnover to reach in excess of £10million this year.

Steve Birch, Financial Director of JPE Aggregates, said: "We're pleased to have secured this financial package from Lloyds Bank, which has enabled us to significantly increase our production capability to meet market demand."

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Friday at 6.30pm, £13.50
O2 Academy Birmingham, B1 1DB. Call 0121 622 8250

Future Rock Stars 2015
Sun at 4pm, £10 - £10.50
Artrix Arts Centre, Bromsgrove, B61 1PQ. Call 01527 577330

Mike + the Mechanics
Mon at 7.30pm, £32 - £36
Symphony Hall, Birmingham, B1 2EA. Call 0121 780 3333

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Sun at 7.30pm, £16
Hare & Hounds, Kings Heath, Birmingham, B14 7JZ.
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Time to dream of Manderley again



Jealous bride — Mrs de Winter (Imogen Sage) and Maxim de Winter (Tristan Sturrock) in Rebecca, pictures Steve Tanner

LAST night I dreamt I went to Manderley again... has gone down as one of the most famous opening lines, featured in Daphne du Maurier's 1938 novel and the film made by Alfred Hitchcock two years later, starring Joan Fontaine and Laurence Olivier.

The psychological drama set on a Cornish country estate tells of a bride living in the shadow of her husband's dead first wife. Following the mysterious death of the eponymous Rebecca, Maxim de Winter returns to Manderley with his young bride who finds herself consumed by jealousy when surrounded by memories of the glamorous Rebecca.

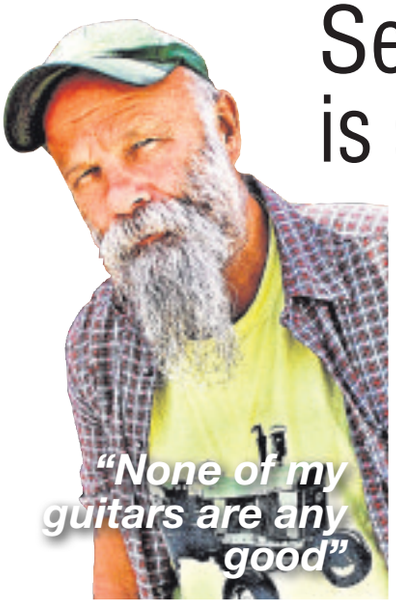
The new Mrs de Winter sets out to uncover the secrets lurking in Manderley mansion but finds herself in conflict with sinister housekeeper Mrs Danver, who is still fiercely devoted to her late mistress.

Emma Rice, the award-winning director of West End hit Brief Encounter, has adapted du Maurier's classic story for Kneehigh Theatre and it comes on tour to Birmingham Repertory Theatre from Monday to Saturday.

Mrs de Winter is played by Imogen Sage with Tristan Sturrock as Maxim and Emily Raymond as Mrs Danvers.

See www.birmingham-rep.co.uk for further details or call the box office on 0121 236 4455.

Seasick Steve is sonic surfing



SEVENTY something singer and guitarist Steven Wold — AKA Seasick Steve — has been a cowboy, a carnival worker, a hobo, a busker on the streets of Paris, and a record producer, since he left his California home to ride the rails as a 13-year-old in the mid 1950s.

No wonder then that the bearded bluesman is also one of music's great raconteurs.

At the last night of his latest tour, the audience at a full Wolverhampton Civic Hall on Wednesday, April 29, can expect some entertaining stories amid the fiercely played guitar — usually homemade from odd components that have included car hubcaps — and raw bones blues from the seven albums he has released since his 2004 debut Cheap brought him to the attention of a wider public.

The latest album came out this year, Sonic Soul Surfer, including hit track Summertime Boy. To hear it at it's best, Steve has been recommending audiences to buy the vinyl version. Steve will be joined by similarly hirsute drummer Dan Magnuson, playing tracks from the new album and old favourites such as Dog House Boogie .

He said: "There's no comfort when I play. None of my guitars are any good. It's like with that hubcap thing, the bridge is just an old engine bolt and if you bump it, it goes completely out of tune. So it's like this battle to get through the song and when I get to the end I'm so relieved."

For further details see www.wolvescivic.co.uk but tickets will be pretty hard to come by for the hobo turned music hero.

Harry and Paul on tour with legends

COMIC actors Harry Enfield and Paul Whitehouse will be performing in Wolverhampton on their first joint UK tour.

The pair will be presenting their classic comedy characters in the Civic Hall on November 1 as part of the Legends! tour. Tickets cost £32,50 and £37.50.

The tour will also see them perform at the Barclaycard Arena, Birmingham, on November 7.

Enfield said: "We've wanted to put our TV characters into a live tour for a while and now seems the right time to get together and do this. We've never performed them live before, so we're really looking forward to the tour."

Gloomy views to make you giggle

DOWNBEAT Irish comedian Dylan Moran, star of Black Books, brings his blend of cynicism and philosophy to Birmingham Symphony Hall on Thursday, April 30, as part of his massive Off The Hook tour.

Tickets cost £25 (plus fee), available from www.thsh.co.uk or on 0121 345 0600.

Other comedy highlights include Jimmy Carr at Wolverhampton Civic Hall on May 2, the same night that Stewart Lee is at the Symphony Hall. Tonight Andy Parsons is at the Wulfrun Hall, Wolverhampton, and tomorrow his Mock The Week colleague Stewart Francis plays the Wulfrun Hall.

Shot of rock at The Vaccines gig

THE Vaccines have announced a date in Wolverhampton as part of their latest tour.

The indie darlings recently played a string of sold-out gigs at intimate venues. They will now embark on a nationwide tour to coincide with third album English Graffiti, which is released next month.

The tour will begin in Blackpool on November 10 before Wolverhampton Civic Hall hosts them on November 17. Tickets are £27.50. Call 0870 320 7000.

The Vaccines shot to fame in 2011 with debut album What Did You Expect from The Vaccines? then Come of Age followed in 2012.

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Pop in – and bring a hearty appetite with you



Bacon and cheese topped burger inside doughnut



Traditional – the Woodman Inn has a homely feel and is suitable for all the family



Feel the heat with this chicken in Peri Peri sauce

Doughnut, burger, or try both together in this tasty challenge

A CURSORY glance at the menu of The Woodman in Bilbrook and one thing is readily apparent.

By Pete Cashnore

The influence of Man Vs Food has extended far enough that it's reached a sleepy little village on the Wolverhampton to Shrewsbury line.

Man Vs Food is an American cuisine show, in the loosest sense of the term. Its host Adam Richman tours the USA visiting what he's proud to call 'pig out spots' – diners and restaurants serving junk in the way that only Americans can do it; large, gooey and fried at least once.

Often the food looks amazing, sometimes it's horrific, but one constant is that every week Adam attempts one of his nation's many restaurant food challenges.

Which brings us to the Woodman Inn on a very busy Thursday night. Part of the Flaming Grill pub chain, it boasts not one, but three, food challenges. The most easily navigable is the Flaming Challenge Burger, which packs in two 12oz beefburgers, two breaded chicken breast fillets, spicy chilli beef, cheese slices, onion, crispy bacon, onion rings – and a double portion of chips.

The bold among you may favour the Trash Can Challenge, a giant rack of BBQ ribs, large cheese and bacon burger, chilli beef sundae, southern-fried chicken skewer, onion rings, corn, double portion of baked beans and a triple order of chips. Complete any of the challenges and you can get your photo on a Wall Of Fame.

Or, should you be completely insane, you can have one of the pub's rather excellent steaks served with ghost chilli sauce. This sauce typically registers more than one million of the Scoville Scale of chilli heat – that's 900 times hotter than Tabasco.

But I haven't come here for any of that. I'm here to sample one of the pub's other American-style innovations – the doughnut burger. Which is – steel yourselves now – a beefburger patty served in a glazed doughnut instead of a bread bun.

Oddity

It's sweet and savoury, but not as we know it. I must admit that I approached this oddity with some trepidation, so I decided to round out my meal with Cajun onion rings and chilli beef-topped cheesy chips. In the end, though, my chips came un-chillied and devoid of cheese. The bar manager suggested that I try my chips with the ghost chilli dip instead. In fact, he practically insisted I do. And so I did.

Elsewhere, my fellow diners decided on a super-sized version of fish and chips called The Codfather. It featured a battered cod fillet that clearly had a blue whale somewhere in its family lineage, a double portion of chips and peas; and half a chicken with Peri Peri sauce and chips.

So. What can I tell you about a doughnut burger? Well, my particular one was layered thus: half a glazed doughnut, tomato, lettuce, burger, cheese, bacon, burger, cheese, bacon, other half of glazed doughnut. The Cajun onion rings, a snip at just £1.49, were plentiful, and placed next to a pot of the hallowed ghost chilli dip. Well, I wasn't going ignore that invitation. And so I got an onion ring, and I dipped. Turns out that ghost chilli sauce is really hot.

As for the doughnut burger, taste-wise yes, it works. The sweetness of the doughnut wasn't a squillion miles away from a brioche bun, and everyone is serving up their meat in those nowadays.

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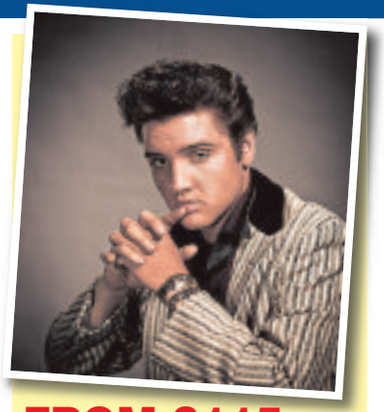
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CHOICE



Harry Redknapp

Play to the Whistle (ITV, 9.15pm)

A League of Their Own has got a lot to answer for. As well as giving us Mo Farah's trademark 'Mobot' move, it's also arguably responsible for a recent rash of sports-based comedy panel shows, including last year's A Question of Sport: Super Saturday, and this offering from ITV. So, if one of this week's star guests, football manager Harry Redknapp wants some advice on how to handle the banter, he can always ask either his nephew, Play to the Whistle team captain Frank Lampard, or his son, League of Their Own regular Jamie. Also joining question master Holly Willoughby, umpire Seann Walsh and captain Bradley Walsh are The Last Leg's Alex Brooker and broadcaster Piers Morgan.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **10.10** World War One Remembered: Gallipoli. **12.05** BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Football Focus. **1.00** Paula Radcliffe: The Marathon and Me. **1.40** Live Snooker: The World Championship. The afternoon session on day eight at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield. **4.30** Final Score. **5.10 Film:** The Princess and the Frog. (2009) Disney animated musical fantasy.

6.40 BBC News.

6.50 Regional Programme.

6.55 Pointless Celebrities. Eight morning TV stars try to come up with the most obscure answers to win cash for their chosen charities. They are Good Morning Britain duo Kate Garraway and Richard Arnold, former This Morning presenter Fern Britton and The Wright Stuff's Matthew Wright, and four BBC Breakfast anchors past and present – Dermot Murnaghan, Natasha Kaplinsky, Charlie Stayt and Naga Munchetty. Alexander Armstrong is in charge, while Richard Osman is the man with the facts.

7.45 Atlantis. Pasiphae tries to force Ariadne to renounce the throne, and with Jason and Hercules powerless to help, Medusa and Pythagoras come up with a plan requiring an unimaginable sacrifice.

8.30 The National Lottery: In It to Win It. Dale Winton presents the quiz in which up to five contestants answer questions to scoop a big cash prize. Only those in the winners' row will have a chance of taking home the loot, so they will need to get all the answers right – as well as a little bit of luck on their side. Including the Lotto and Thunderball draws.

9.20 Casualty. Connie needs to prove her innocence in the Alfred case. Robyn helps two young lovers caught up in a house fire, while Lofty teaches a patient to have more self-worth.

10.10 BBC News; Weather.

10.30 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League clashes, including Manchester City v Aston Villa at the Etihad Stadium; National Lottery Update.

12.00 The Football League Show. **1.20 Film:** A Bronx Tale. (1993) **3.15** Weather for the Week Ahead. **3.20** BBC News.

BBC2

6.10 Film: The Crimson Wing: Mystery of the Flamingos. (2008) **7.20 Film:** Sword of Sherwood Forest. (1960) **8.40** Fred Dibnah's Magnificent Monuments. (R) **9.10** The Nature of Britain. (R) **10.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. **12.00** Richard Harris: Talking Pictures. **12.35 Film:** The Long and the Short and the Tall. (1960) Second World War drama, starring Laurence Harvey. **2.15** Flog It! (R) **3.00** Final Score. **4.30** Live Snooker: The World Championship. The afternoon session on day eight at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield. **5.30** World War One Remembered: Gallipoli Highlights.

6.30 Gardeners' World. As everything in the garden begins to shoot up, Monty Don uses his ornamental grasses to demonstrate how best to lift and divide perennials. Plus, a third trip to South Africa. (R)

7.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship. Jason Mohammad introduces coverage of the third and final session on day eight at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, where another two second-round matches are set to take place, including one to a conclusion, as the race to reach the quarter-finals continues. The commentary team includes Dennis Taylor and Terry Griffiths.

8.00 Dad's Army. Mainwaring and the platoon are assigned to guard a vital telephone line through the night, but wake to find an unexploded bomb caught in the wires. (R)

8.30 Gallipoli: When Murdoch Went to War. Docu-drama telling the story behind journalist Keith Murdoch's letter to the leaders of Australia and Great Britain in 1915 that exposed the realities of the Gallipoli campaign.

9.30 QI XL. Stephen Fry hosts an extended edition of the quiz, finding out what Sara Pascoe, Jack Whitehall, David Mitchell and Alan Davies know about such topics as knees and knockers. (R)

10.15 Film: Up in the Air. (2009) A corporate downsizing expert finds his emotionally detached lifestyle under threat from an executive with revolutionary ideas. Comedy drama, with George Clooney.

12.00 Snooker: The World Championship. **12.50** Snooker: World Championship Extra. **2.50** Sign Zone: Antiques Roadshow. (R) **3.50** The Truth About Fat. (R) **4.50** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Bottom Knocker Street. **6.10** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.20** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.15** Sooty. (R) **7.30** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.35** Hulk and the Agents of Smash. **8.00** Thunderbirds Are Go. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **10.20** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **11.20** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **12.25** ITV News; Weather. **12.35** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **1.35** Doc Martin. (R) **2.35 Film:** Housesitter. (1992) Romantic comedy, starring Steve Martin and Goldie Hawn. **4.35** Tipping Point. (R) **5.35** Regional Programme. **5.45** ITV News; Weather.

6.00 New You've Been Framed! Yearbook. Harry Hill looks at a typical year in the life of a You've Been Framed! star, taking in all the major events in the calendar, from Pancake Day disasters to chaotic Christmases.

7.00 Ninja Warrior UK. Contenders from across the nation test their strength, speed and courage in the third heat of the obstacle-course challenge, all hoping to progress to the semi-finals.

8.00 Britain's Got Talent. Ant and Dec present the third audition show, as the judges – Simon Cowell, David Walliams, Amanda Holden and Alesha Dixon – hope to uncover more of the nation's talent. Queuing up to take the stage, acts of all ages and abilities are determined to prove they are worthy of the £250,000 cash prize and a slot at this year's Royal Variety Performance, but while some of them will be deserving, others will undoubtedly hear the dreaded sound of the red buzzers just seconds into their performance.

9.15 Play to the Whistle. Captains Bradley Walsh and Frank Lampard are joined by guests including Harry Redknapp, Alex Brooker and Piers Morgan. Holly Willoughby hosts the sports-based comedy panel show.

10.00 ITV News; Weather.

10.15 Film: Inside Man. (2006) A negotiator deals with a hostage crisis at a bank, but a political fixer is sent to make sure secrets in the vault stay hidden. Thriller, starring Denzel Washington.

12.35 Jackpot247. **3.00** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **3.40** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.15 How I Met Your Mother. **6.40** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **7.05** FIM Superbike World Championship. **7.30** The Grid. **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **10.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **10.30** Frasier. (R) **11.00** Frasier. (R) **11.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.30** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD. (R) **1.25** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Sandown Park, Haydock Park and Ripon. **4.15** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.10** The Simpsons. (R) **5.45** The Simpsons. (R)

6.10 The Simpsons. Bart decides to steal a kiss from his crush at school after taking advice from Grampa, but the plan backfires. With the guest voices of Angela Bassett and Sarah Silverman. (R)

6.35 Channel 4 News.

7.00 For the Love of Cars. Life on Mars star Philip Glenister and renowned car designer Ant Anstead take another trip around the barns and lock-ups of Britain, returning classic motors to their former glory. They begin in Hertfordshire with an Aston Martin DBS – the model driven by George Lazenby in the Bond film On Her Majesty's Secret Service. Over 10 weeks, they complete the bare metal restoration before the vehicle is sold at auction, and Philip gets to experience Roger Moore's DBS from the cult 1970s show The Persuaders. (R)

8.00 The World's Most Extreme. The 10 most dangerous roads on the planet, featuring mayhem caught on camera in Russia, avalanches in the US and truck-driving nightmares in the Australian Outback. Previously seen on More4.

9.00 Film: Paul. (2011) An alien held captive in a top-secret American military base escapes and hides out in the van of two English comic-book geeks on a tour of UFO hotspots. The wisecracking extraterrestrial enlists the duo's help in getting back to his spaceship, but they are soon pursued by government agents and unwittingly become kidnappers. Sci-fi comedy, starring Simon Pegg.

11.05 Film: Role Models. (2008)

1.05 The Last Leg. (R) **2.00** Alan Carr: Chatty Man. (R) **2.55** Hollyoaks. (R) **5.00** Kirstie's Vintage Gems. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.35** Access. **10.45** Ice Road Truckers. (R) **11.40** Ice Road Truckers. (R) **12.35** Ice Road Truckers. (R) **1.35** Ice Road Truckers. (R) **2.30** Police Interceptors. (R) **3.30 Film:** Columbo: An Exercise in Fatality. (1974) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk and Robert Conrad. **5.30** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R)

6.25 Britain's Horror Homes. A woman from the Norfolk village of Happisburgh whose house had to be demolished after coastal erosion left it suspended in mid-air on the edge of a cliff. (R)

7.15 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. High Court enforcement officers Paul and Steve make an extraordinary discovery inside a locked bedroom, and immediately call for police back-up. Brian and Graham head to Swindon Town football club to recover a debt, while Paul and Ben have difficulty evicting a couple from a house in Kent after learning they have six children and nowhere else to go. (R)

8.15 5 News Weekend.

8.20 NCIS. Against his better judgement, Gibbs comes out of retirement to help Fornell and his daughter by reopening the case of an escaped convict who is putting their lives in danger. (R)

9.10 NCIS. A missing Navy lieutenant's car is found covered in blood, and the team discovers she had been profiling men to find the perfect partner. When further investigations reveal she had planned to attend a seminar at a local hotel, Ziva goes undercover in a bid to find out more. Meanwhile, Jenny makes Tony a secret offer. (R)

10.10 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. A car that used to belong to a murderer is being sold off at a convention dedicated to serial killer memorabilia when the body of an auction house employee is discovered inside.

11.05 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. Stabler and Tutuola link an artist's death to a similar murder – but another detective is assigned to the case and does all he can to exclude them from the investigation. (R)

12.00 SuperCasino. **3.10** Psychopath: The Devil's Disciple. (R) **4.00** Family Secrets & Lies. (R) **4.50** Make It Big. (R)

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BBC Three

7.00 Great Movie Mistakes – Not in 3D **7.25** Top Gear **8.25** Don't Tell the Bride **9.25** Tatau **10.10** Happy Valley **11.10** Family Guy **12.40** Russell Howard's Good News **1.10** Tatau **1.50** Killer Magic **2.20** Some Girls **3.50** Close

BBC Four

7.00 Ice Age Giants **8.00** Wild China **9.00** Inspector Montalbano **10.55** The Kate Bush Story: Running Up That Hill **11.55** Kate Bush at the BBC **12.55** Top of the Pops: 1980 **1.30** Sounds of the Eighties **2.00** Let's Have a Party! The Piano Genius of Mrs Mills **3.00** Wild China **4.00** Close

ITV2

12.20 Britain's Got More Talent **1.25** Darcy Oake: Edge of Reality **2.25** Catchphrase **3.05** People Do the Funniest Things **4.05** Mr Bean **5.15 Film:** The Vow (2012) **7.25 Film:** Stormbreaker (2006) **9.15** Britain's Got More Talent **10.20** Celebrity Juice **11.05** Britain's Got Talent **12.20** Britain's Got More Talent **1.20** Hell's Kitchen **2.10** Crazy Beaches **2.30** Life's Funniest Moments **2.55** Teleshopping **5.55** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

11.25 Wycliffe **12.40 Film:** The Queen (2006) **2.40** Inspector Morse **4.55** Agatha Christie's Marple **7.00** Doc Martin **8.00** Foyle's War **10.00** Inspector Morse **12.20** A Touch of Frost **2.20** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4

11.30 Pawn Stars **1.20** British Superbike Championship Highlights **2.25** British Touring Car Championship Highlights **3.55 Film:** Smokey and the Bandit II (1980) **6.00** Storage Wars: Texas **7.00** Shed and Buried **8.00 Film:** Dr No (1962) **10.15 Film:** The Kingdom (2007) **12.30 Film:** Sneakers (1992) **2.50** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

11.30 Baby Daddy **12.30** How I Met Your Mother **1.30** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **1.55 Film:** Star Trek: Insurrection (1998) **4.00** Made in Chelsea **5.00** Jane the Virgin **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **10.00 Film:** Scary Movie (2000) **11.45** Rude Tube **12.50** Bodyshockers: Nips, Tucks and Tattoos **1.55** The 100 **2.45** How I Met Your Mother **3.30** Marry Me **3.55** Rude(ish) Tube **4.45** Make It or Break It

Film4

11.00 Destination Gobi (1953) **1.00** Dear John (2010) **3.05** Bugsy Malone (1976) **4.55** Meet Dave (2008) **6.45** The Women (2008) **9.00** Colombiana (2011) **11.10** The Hole (2009) **1.00** Sliver (1993) **3.15** Close

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Eleanor Tomlinson

Poldark (BBC1, 9pm)

He stands up for the poor, he's won the hearts of the viewers, and he's very handy with a scythe, but it seems even Ross Poldark can't make a go of the Carnmore smelting company. Its collapse is good news for George, whose own business interests are doing so well, he can even afford to swan around on a new boat. However, it's Ross's turn to feel smug when the vessel is wrecked upon the rocks, right in looting distance of the poor... Meanwhile, Dwight deals with his guilt by throwing himself into his work, and there's plenty to keep him occupied thanks to an outbreak of 'putrid throat'. Demelza is keen to do her bit as well, but in the process she puts herself and baby Julia in danger.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.25** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Athletics: London Marathon. **2.30** Sunday Politics. **3.45** Points of View. **4.00** The Truth About Your Medicine Cabinet. (R) **5.00** Songs of Praise – School Choir of the Year. **5.45** Pointless Celebrities. (R)

6.35 BBC News.

6.50 Regional Programme.

7.00 Countryfile. John Craven and Ellie Harrison are in the Peak District, where motor neurone sufferer Roy Taylor reveals his work for the RSPB and his aim to make the countryside accessible to all. There's a 50th anniversary celebration of the National Search and Rescue Dog Association, and a visit to a working hill farm where disabled and disadvantaged young people get to connect with nature. Anita Rani finds out how the Pennine Way has changed in the half-century since its creation, and Tom Heap asks what can be done to prevent the rise of hayfever in the UK. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce and the team pay a second visit to Lowther Castle in Cumbria, where items include an army of Action Man figures, a "skeletonised" pendulum wall clock from the 1870s, a working child-sized car from the 1930s and a ring containing a gem that may or may not be worth a small fortune. There's also an insight into Beatrix Potter's scientific watercolours of woodland plants and animals – and her controversial work on the sex life of fungi.

9.00 Poldark. Ross is forced to close the company, so George celebrates by buying a new ship – but his enemy soon gets revenge. Demelza returns when disease hits Trenwith. Last in the series.

10.00 BBC News.

10.20 Regional Programme.

10.30 Match of the Day 2. Mark Chapman reviews the latest Premier League action, featuring Arsenal v Chelsea at the Emirates Stadium and Everton v Manchester United.

11.35 Film: Snake Eyes. (1998) Thriller, starring Nicolas Cage.

1.10 Film: It's a Boy Girl Thing. (2006) **2.35** Weather for the Week Ahead. **2.40** BBC News.

BBC2

6.10 The Football League Show. (R) **7.30** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.00** The Beechgrove Garden. **8.30** Athletics: London Marathon. **10.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. **1.00** Triathlon. **2.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. The afternoon session on day nine at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield.

6.00 Athletics: London Marathon – Highlights. Helen Skelton introduces action from one of the world's most prestigious road races, as elite athletes and fun-runners negotiated the 26.2-mile course.

7.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship. Coverage of the evening's play on day nine at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, featuring the second sessions of two matches in the second round. All four players will return to the arena tomorrow afternoon to conclude these fixtures, with former champion Shaun Murphy and 2011 runner-up Judd Trump among those expected to be involved. Presented by Jason Mohammad, with the commentary including Ken Doherty, Willie Thorne and Stephen Hendry.

8.10 Coast Australia. The team heads to the northern tip of Queensland to explore the Torres Strait Islands, with Tim Flannery visiting the spot where James Cook claimed Australia for Great Britain.

9.00 Hunters of the South Seas. Will Millard heads to the Indonesian village of Lamalera, where the locals have survived for centuries by hunting manta rays, dolphins, sharks and whales.

10.00 Britain's Biggest Diamond Heist? The Inside Story. Declan Lawn takes a journey into Britain's criminal underworld in search of the secrets behind the raid carried out over the Easter weekend in London's Hatton Garden.

10.30 W1A. The return of the spoof documentary. The team prepares for a visit by Prince Charles, and Siobhan is tasked with updating the BBC's Wimbledon coverage. (R)

11.30 Snooker: The World Championship. Highlights of the concluding session on day nine.

12.20 Snooker: World Championship Extra. **2.20** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **3.15** Holby City. (R) **4.15** The Ladykillers: Pest Detectives. (R) **5.15** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Bottom Knocker Street. **6.10** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.20** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.15** Sooty. (R) **7.30** Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **11.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **12.30** ITV News. **12.35** Tipping Point. (R) **1.35** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **2.40** Britain's Got Talent. (R) **3.55** Doc Martin. (R) **5.55** Ninja Warrior UK. (R)

6.50 Regional Programme; Weather.

7.00 ITV News; Weather.

7.15 Celebrity Squares. Shooting Stars duo Vic Reeves and Bob Mortimer, footballer Rachel Yankey, comedian and actor Marek Larwood, Loose Women panellist Sherrie Hewson, writer and actress Jessica Hynes, funnyman Chris Ramsey and King of the Jungle 2014 Carl Fogarty join regulars Tim Vine and Joe Wilkinson in the grid, helping contestants win cash prizes. Warwick Davis hosts the Noughts and Crosses-based game show.

8.00 Vera. When dock worker Owen Thorne plunges from the roof of a multi-storey car park while picking up his daughter from her school prom, Vera immediately detects foul play. The team soon discovers a work dispute over the death of a young man, with everyone believing Owen was to blame, and the victim's father admits he wanted revenge – but his alibi holds. The mystery then continues when Vera spots an inconsistency in the statement Owen's wife gave to the police, suggesting she's not certain of her husband's fidelity. Last in the series.

10.00 ITV News; Weather.

10.15 Perspectives: Len Goodman – For the Love of Fred Astaire. The Strictly Come Dancing judge travels across America exploring the extraordinary life of his hero, finding out how and why Astaire became one of the world's greatest movers.

11.15 Premiership Rugby Union. Highlights of the latest top-flight fixtures, which included Northampton Saints v Saracens.

12.15 The Store. **2.30** Motorsport UK. **3.30** British Superbike Championship Highlights. **4.20** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.15 How I Met Your Mother. (R) **6.40** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.05** Volkswagen Racing Cup. **7.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Frasier. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Sunday Brunch. **12.00** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. (R) **1.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.50** The Simpsons. (R) **2.20** The Simpsons. (R) **2.50** Location, Location, Location. (R) **3.50** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. **4.50 Film:** ParaNorman. (2012) Premiere. Animated adventure, with the voice of Kodi Smit-McPhee.

6.35 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Three in a Bed. Tax accountant Vincent Frostick hosts the first visit in another three-part contest, inviting two other hotelier couples to stay at the three-star Don Guesthouse, run by his formidable 81-year-old mother Irene in Snowdonia's historic mining town of Blaenau Ffestiniog. Next up are Cath Robertson and Dave Redfearn, who hope the decadent decor of the Graydon Hotel in Blackpool will impress their fellow competitors. Finally, Jayne Little and Michael Haymes round off the competition by bringing their rivals to the eco-friendly Blackburn Lodge on the Scottish Borders, and the B&B owners convene one last time to reveal which of their venues was considered to be the most impressive.

8.00 For the Love of Cars. Philip Glenister fulfils a dream to drive some of Britain's most iconic police cars, as he and Ant Anstead restore a Rover SD1 and push a 1959 Daimler Dart to the limit.

9.00 Film: The Impossible. (2012) Premiere. A British family spends Christmas in Thailand, only to get caught up in the 2004 tsunami. While his mother lies injured in hospital, the eldest son ventures into the ensuing chaos to search for his father and younger brothers, whom he was separated from during the crisis. Drama, with Naomi Watts.

11.15 Film: Whiteout. (2009) A US marshal stationed in Antarctica investigates a murder, uncovering the dark secret behind a plane crash 50 years earlier. Thriller, starring Kate Beckinsale.

1.05 Film: Kali Salwaar. (2002) **3.05** Kirstie's Vintage Gems. (R) **3.15** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.30** Jamie's Money Saving Meals. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **6.15** Milkshake! Bop Box. (R) **6.20** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **6.35** Pip Ahoy! (R) **6.45** The Mr Men Show. (R) **7.00** Chloe's Closet. (R) **7.10** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **7.15** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.20** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.35** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.45** Little Princess. (R) **8.00** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **8.10** Mio Mao. (R) **8.15** Zack and Quack. **8.30** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.40** Milkshake! Show Songs. (R) **8.45** Jelly Jamm. (R) **9.00** LazyTown. (R) **9.30** Dora and Friends. (R) **10.00** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.35** Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) **10.50** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **11.50** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **12.50** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **1.50 Film:** James and the Giant Peach. (1996) Children's fantasy, with Paul Terry. **3.20 Film:** Sabrina the Teenage Witch. (1996) Supernatural comedy, starring Melissa Joan Hart. **5.10** 5 News Weekend. **5.15 Film:** Labyrinth. (1986) Fantasy adventure, starring Jennifer Connelly and David Bowie.

7.15 Film: Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls. (1995) The eccentric pet detective is coaxed out of self-imposed exile in a Buddhist monastery to visit Africa and help search for a sacred white bat. However, his unique investigative talents are tested to the limits as he faces a race against time to find the missing creature and prevent a tribal war. Comedy sequel, starring Jim Carrey, Simon Callow and Bob Gunton. Edited for language and sexual content.

9.00 Film: The Last Stand. (2013) Premiere. Disgraced narcotics cop Ray Owens retires into a quiet life as sheriff of a small town on the Mexican border. He gets the chance to prove his worth as a law enforcer when a drug lord escapes from prison and tries to flee the country – with his escape route taking him through Ray's jurisdiction. Action thriller, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger, Johnny Knoxville and Forest Whitaker.

11.30 Film: Navy Seals. (1990) The US Navy's elite commando force embarks on a covert mission to recover stolen missiles from terrorists in Beirut. Action adventure, starring Charlie Sheen and Michael Biehn.

1.45 SuperCasino. **3.10** The Gadget Show. (R) **4.00** House Doctor. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **5.15** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three

7.00 Top Gear **8.00 Film:** Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (1989) **10.00** Tatau **10.45** Family Guy **11.30** American Dad! **11.55** Family Guy **12.15** Tatau **12.55** Killer Magic **1.25** The Cannabis Smugglers: Stacey Dooley Investigates **2.25** Vodka Diaries **2.50** Tatau **3.30** Killer Magic **4.00** Close

BBC Four

7.00 10 Things You Didn't Know About Avalanches **8.00** Antigone **9.30 Film:** Renoir (2012) **11.15** Tales from the Tour Bus: Rock 'n' Roll on the Road **12.15** The Old Grey Whistle Test: 70s Gold **1.45** BBC Young Dancer 2015 **2.45** 10 Things You Didn't Know About Avalanches **3.45** Close

ITV2

12.10 Take Me Out **1.20** Scorpion **2.15 Film:** Homeward Bound: The Incredible Journey (1993) **3.55 Film:** Scooby-Doo (2002) **5.45** Britain's Got Talent **7.00** Britain's Got More Talent **8.00** You've Been Framed! A to Z of Growing Up **9.00 Film:** Rush Hour (1998) **11.00 Film:** The Bourne Supremacy (2004) **1.10** Mom **1.55** Life's Funniest Moments **2.20** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

11.10 A Touch of Frost **1.25** Agatha Christie's Marple **3.30 Film:** The Secret of My Success (1987) **5.40** Inspector Morse **8.00** When Kate Met William: A Tale of Two Lives **9.00** Kate Middleton: Heir We Go Again **10.00 Film:** Elizabeth: The Golden Age (2007) **12.20 Film:** The Elephant Man (1980) **2.35** Judge Judy **3.15** ITV3 Nightscreen **3.40** Emmerdale

ITV4

11.30 Counting Cars **12.25** Pawn Stars **2.40 Film:** Smokey and the Bandit II (1980) **4.45 Film:** Tobruk (1967) **7.00** Paula Radcliffe: Sports Life Stories **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00 Film:** The Interpreter (2005) **11.35 Film:** The Killer Inside Me (2010) **1.45** Whisker Wars **2.35** Nitro Circus **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

12.00 Made in Chelsea **1.00** Revenge **2.00** Jane the Virgin **3.00** How I Met Your Mother **4.00** The Goldbergs **5.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00 Film:** Percy Jackson & the Lightning Thief (2010) **10.20** Virtually Famous **11.05 Film:** The Change-Up (2011) **1.20** The 100 **2.20** 2 Broke Girls **2.50** Rules of Engagement

Film4

1.00 Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events (2004) **3.05** True Grit (1969) **5.45** The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (2008) **9.00** Knight and Day (2010) **11.10** The Paperboy (2012) **1.15** A Mighty Heart (2007) **3.30** Close

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FILM CHOICES

MONDAY

Unforgiven, Channel 5, 11pm

Two notorious gunslingers come out of retirement to help a young assassin collect the $1,000 bounty on the heads of a pair of cowboys who attacked and mutilated a prostitute in the backwoods town of Big Whiskey. The local sheriff, however, has no intention of letting the pair impinge on his own authority. Oscar-winning Western, starring Clint Eastwood. (1992)

TUESDAY

Ghost Town, BBC1, 11.50pm

A bad-tempered dentist has a near-death experience and finds himself able to see ghosts. He is irritated to find all the spirits want him to sort out their unresolved problems from when they were alive, particularly a man who wants the grouchy dentist to stop his widow from remarrying. Comedy, starring Ricky Gervais, Greg Kinnear and Tea Leoni. (2008)

WEDNESDAY

Jindabyne, BBC1, 11.30pm

Four men on a fishing trip discover the body of a murdered Aboriginal girl, but decide not to contact the police until after returning home days later. However, when the news breaks in their small town, they are ostracised by the community, and one of their wives becomes obsessed with making amends. Drama, starring Gabriel Byrne and Laura Linney. (2006)



Senna, Friday, ITV, 10.40pm

THURSDAY

Carry On Again Doctor, ITV, 11.50pm

A disgraced surgeon sets up a clinic in the hope of promoting a supposedly miraculous slimming potion made from secret ingredients discovered on a remote tropical island. Comedy, starring Sid James, Kenneth Williams, Jim Dale and Joan Sims. (1969)

FRIDAY

Senna, ITV, 10.40pm

Documentary about the life of Brazilian Formula One driver Ayrton Senna, examining his achievements on the track over a 10-year period that saw him crowned world champion three times, until his death in a crash during the 1994 San Marino Grand Prix. (2010)

Peter's on the road to a journey of self-discovery

Peter Kay is back! For many moons, he was regarded as Britain's premier comedian, the heir to the northern comedy crown once worn by the likes of Morecambe and Wise and Les Dawson.

He started his showbusiness career in stand-up after enrolling on a media performance course at Salford University. Then, in 1996, after appearing at various local clubs, he was encouraged to enter the North-west Comedian of the Year contest, which he won. A year later, he also triumphed at Edinburgh's So You Think You're Funny competition.

Despite missing out on the Perrier Award in 1998, Kay's star was rising and by 2000, he was appearing regularly on TV.

The mockumentary The Services went down a storm and led to That Peter Kay Thing, which was followed by the mighty Phoenix Nights. For many, that remains the peak of his career to date, and was recently revived via a charity stage version which featured much of the original cast.

Like many comics, Kay is a keen people-watcher, and uses quirky moments he's observed in his work; it's something he started back when he was working in dead-end jobs before fame called.

"When I was working, I would write down lots of things that were funny – things managers would say and phrases they'd use that stood out, and stories about what happened," he reveals.

Perhaps that's where the germ of the idea that grew into his latest project, Car Share, came from. It's similar in tone to the aforementioned That Peter Kay Thing, with a soupcon of Phoenix Nights thrown in for good measure – basically, it's a sitcom based around characters thrown together by their jobs.

BBC iPlayer users had the opportunity of watching Car Share early when it appeared on the catch-up service last week. But there's something more special about seeing it on TV – anything new featuring Kay feels like an event worth sitting down with friends or family to view.

Kay himself stars as John, a supermarket worker who begins commuting with colleague Kayleigh (Sian Gibson) thanks to a company car-share initiative.

"To be finally working with the BBC on a new comedy is a great opportunity," says Kay, whose previous work has been broadcast by Channel 4. "And the idea of two people car sharing to work each day really appealed to me, as it highlights the comedy in the minutiae of the daily trek and allows the spiralling conversations of life to unwind in all of their glory."

Each of John and Kayleigh's six journeys reveal something different about their private lives – but will they get along?

A sat-nav disaster means the first trip doesn't get off to a good start, and to make matters worse, Kayleigh makes her mark as soon as she gets into John's car – what could have been a beautiful friendship may have been ruined before it's had a chance to get off the ground.



Peter Kay's Car Share, Wednesday, BBC1, 9.30pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY

The Gadget Show

Channel 5, 7pm

Jason Bradbury and Amy Williams head to Shakespeare's home town of Stratford-upon-Avon, but they're not on the trail of a Bard-related gadget. Instead, they're putting some of the craziest new vehicles through the paces, including off-road trainers and horse racing simulators – but which will come out on top? Meanwhile, Jon Bentley is in calmer mode as he compares the merits of an entry-level DSLR with the latest mirrorless camera by taking snaps at a classic car event. Former world superbike champ Carl Fogarty tries out the latest in motorbike technology, while Ortis Deley travels to another far-flung destination, where he pushes VideoRay, an underwater remotely operated vehicle, to its limits.

Gotham

Channel 5, 9pm

Gordon investigates Loeb's past after the sudden release of Arnold Flass, and has to ask Cobblepot for a favour to find out more about the suspicious death of the commissioner's wife. Meanwhile, Alfred recovers from the attack in hospital, but is evasive when questioned by detectives about the identity of his assailant, while Fish Mooney earns a promotion after impressing the founder of the institution where she is being held. Crime thriller. starring Ben McKenzie, Jada Pinkett Smith and Sean Pertwee.

TUESDAY

24 Hours in the Past

BBC1, 9pm

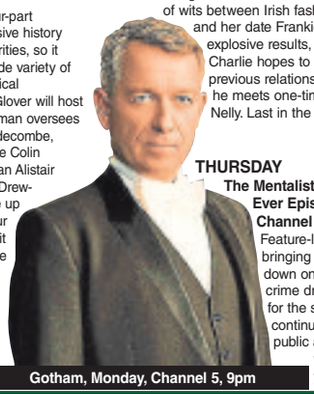
The Beeb has described this new, four-part programme as a "dirty, smelly, immersive history series." What's more, it features celebrities, so it should attract viewers who enjoy a wide variety of genres, including reality shows, historical documentaries and social drama. Fi Glover will host the series, while historian Ruth Goodman oversees the proceedings. Ex-political Ann Widdecombe, presenter Miquita Oliver, retired athlete Colin Jackson, actress Zoe Lucker, comedian Alistair McGowan and Outnumbered's Tyger Drew-Honey are the famous faces who give up all mod cons to spend four days in four different environments, learning what it was like to be working class during the Victorian period.

WEDNESDAY

First Dates

Channel 4, 10pm

Former model Joe knows exactly how to charm, but he finds himself working for the affections of personal shopper Nicole. Devout Christian Tawanda gets to know Marvin, a Trevor Nelson doppelganger, while Essex girl Sian is on the hunt for her dream man – and Londoner Tom ticks all the right boxes. There's a linguistic battle of wits between Irish fashionista Laura and her date Frankie, with explosive results, and confident Charlie hopes to right his previous relationship wrongs as he meets one-time ballet dancer Nelly. Last in the series.



Gotham, Monday, Channel 5, 9pm

THURSDAY

The Mentalist: The Last Ever Episode

Channel 5, 10pm

Feature-length episode bringing the curtain down on the American crime drama. The hunt for the serial killer continues and when a public appeal for witnesses yields no results, Jane reluctantly agrees to masquerade as a renowned psychic and be used as bait in an attempt to lure out the murderer. As he is leaving a studio after an appearance on a TV news programme, Jane's car is rammed and he is knocked unconscious – waking up to find himself shackled to a table. Simon Baker and Robin Tunney star. Last in the series.

FRIDAY

The Clare Balding Show

BBC2, 10pm

The weekend alarm goes off and Clare Balding is hosting her Radio 2 show. You pop The One Show on later in the week and she's promoting this series. Yes, when it comes to ubiquity, Clare is more omnipresent than Ant and Dec combined it seems. But can she break the curse that befell Gaby Roslin and Davina McCall in the past: sustaining a prime time female-hosted chat show? Well, it may take at least one series to iron out the wrinkles. Talking of which, this week she's joined by a man who loves nothing more than such crease-reducing shenanigans: Chris Eubank. The former world champion boxer and his son Chris Jr, currently the WBA interim world middleweight title-holder, discuss their professional and personal lives. Top tips on ironing welcome, Chris.



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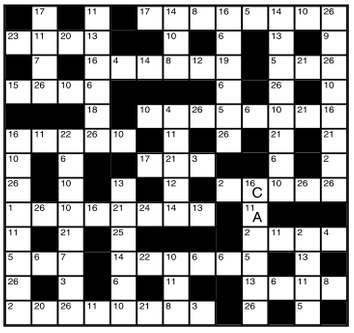
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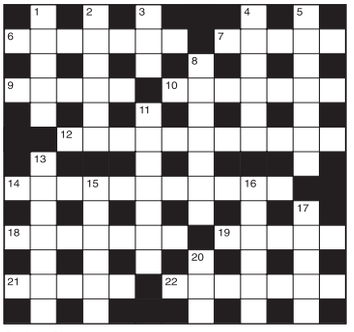
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Across

6. Odd sort of brazier (7)
7. Figures that have to be filled (5)
9. Highest tree by the way (5)
10. Taxi I catch under the Prime Minister's direction (7)
12. How troops may advance knowledge? (11)
14. Very good quality, this! (11)
18. Note recorded as beaten (7)
19. A fibre preparation, not long-lasting (5)
21. Leaves with all debts settled (5)
22. One youngster was bold enough to sling him out! (7)

Down

1. Stiff attire I'd put on (5)
2. Hand over and die (4,2)
3. Merry-hearted lapse from virtue (3)
4. Vote is for Russian government (6)
5. Ruler in a temper, or so it seems (7)
8. Object in torn clothing (7)
11. They have loads of energy (7)
13. Not to agree to a full distribution (4,3)
15. Things look different after dark (6)
16. Sally from the Tories (6)
17. Mouth a letter (5)
20. Weed-killer (3)

Quick Clues:

Across

6. Relate (7)
7. Cite (5)
9. Speed (5)
10. Attendants (7)
12. Deception (11)
14. Coiffeur (11)
18. Go on (7)
19. Droll (5)
21. Disdain (5)
22. Laden (7)

Down

1. Postpone (5)
2. Placard (6)
3. Writing fluid (3)
4. Vain (6)
5. Constant (7)
8. Ask (7)
11. Dispute (7)
13. Whim (7)
15. Register (6)
16. Departure (6)
17. Correct (5)
20. Skill (3)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Husbandman; 7 Rover; 8 Leisure; 10 Well nigh; 11 Edit; 13 Backer; 15 Rearer; 17 Airy; 18 Circular; 21 Knights; 22 Andes; 23 Bluebottle. Down: 1 Hovel; 2 Sprinter; 3 Allege; 4 Dais; 5 Asunder; 6 Draw a blank; 9 Enterprise; 12 Penchant; 14 Cordial; 16 Fiasco; 19 Ledge; 20 Shoe. QUICK - Across: 1 Profession; 7 Noted; 8 Pointed; 10 Inherent; 11 Boss; 13 Hearty; 15 Horror; 17 Safe; 18 Increase; 21 Sublime; 22 Wince; 23 Repeatedly. Down: 1 Pitch; 2 Obdurate; 3 Expand; 4 Slim; 5 Outdoor; 6 Antithesis; 9 Disordered; 12 Borrowed; 14 Affable; 16 Intent; 19 Annoy; 20 File.

Thinking space

Quiz

1. By what name, meaning 'our thing', is the mafia known in the US?
2. Which poet is buried in a country churchyard in Stoke Poges?
3. Whose operas are performed annually at Bayreuth?
4. Which US state has Dover as its capital?
5. Which prime minister became Earl of Stockton?
6. Who was the first Roman emperor?
7. In which century did the Peasants' Revolt take place?
8. During which Crimean War Battle did the Charge of the Light Brigade take place?
9. In which novel did Sherlock Holmes first appear?
10. What is the lowest-pitched member of the violin family?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Tequila; 2 Waterloo; 3 Gold; 4 Neville Chamberlain; 5 Wars of the Roses; 6 St Nicholas; 7 Johannesburg; 8 George Eliot; 9 Caracas; 10 Sitting Bull.

Niner: DAVENPORT

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

82354 gives an animal,
96743 gives another animal,
143349 gives a third animal.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9



Extended detached home is in an enviable location

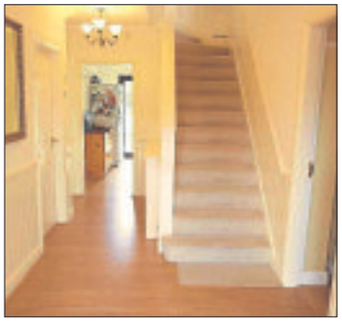


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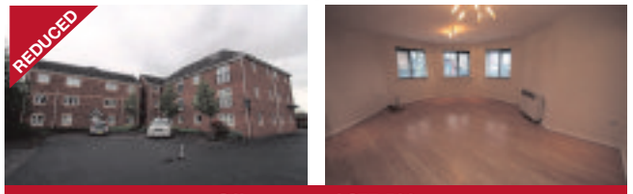
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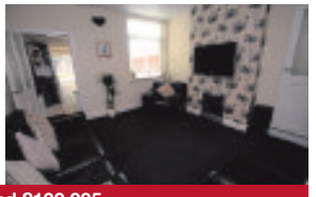


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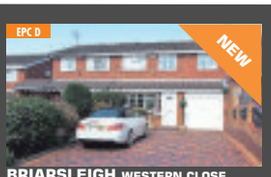
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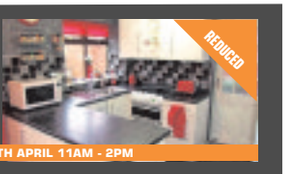
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- Exceptional Four Bedroom Detached with No Chain
- Two Receptions
- Conservatory
- Utility / WC
- Re-Fitted Bathroom
- En-Suite Shower Room
- Garage & Driveway
- Pleasant Gardens

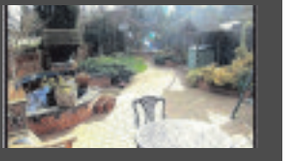
£240,000



COPPICE FARM BOWNESS GROVE
- Superb 4 bedroom detached on exceptional plot
- 2 Receptions
- Conservatory
- Kitchen, Utility
- En-suite shower room
- Family bathroom
- Double glazing
- Gas CH
- Garage
- Long drive

£239,995





ESSINGTON SNEYD LANE
- Attractive Extended 4 Bedroom Semi Detached on Popular Road
- Extended Lounge
- Conservatory
- Dining Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Gas CH
- Double Glazing
- Large Driveway
- Delightful Gardens

OFFERS OVER £230,000



BENTLEY CHURCHILL ROAD
- Exceptional Four bedroom modern style detached
- Through lounge/dining room
- Newly fitted kitchen
- Utility/wc
- Refitted bathroom
- En-suite
- Garage, driveway, Rear garden

£210,000



WILLENHALL ALVINGTON CLOSE
- Improved 3 Bedroom Semi Detached
- Lounge with Dining Area
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Double Glazing
- Gas CH
- Garage and Driveway
- Pleasant Gardens

£139,950



COPPICE FARM MILES MEADOW CLOSE
- Extended Modern Four Bedroom Detached
- Hall
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Re-Fitted Bathroom
- En-Suite Shower Room
- Block Paved Driveway
- Gardens

£180,000



COUNTY BRIDGE WORCESTER ROAD
- Deceptively Spacious Four Bedroom Detached
- Three Reception Rooms
- Large Dining Kitchen
- Two Bathrooms
- Gas CH
- Double Glazing
- Driveway
- Rear Gardens
- No Upward Chain

OFFERS OVER £169,950





WILLENHALL CAERNARVON CLOSE
- Extended Three Bedroom Semi Detached Property With No Chain
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Extended Fitted Kitchen
- Spacious Bathroom
- Gas CH
- Double Glazing
- Block Paved Driveway
- Gardens

£122,500



KINGFISHER ESTATE HONEYBOURNE WAY
- Three Bedrooms Semi Detached.
- Lounge/dining room
- Sitting room
- Refitted kitchen
- Shower room
- Double glazing
- Gas CH
- Block paved driveway
- Rear garden

OFFERS OVER £150,000



WILLENHALL DURSLEY CLOSE
- Pleasantly Appointed 3 Bedroom Detached
- Gas Central Heating
- Majority Double Glazing
- Conservatory
- Double Length Garage
- Spacious Fitted Dining Kitchen
- Bathroom

£150,000



WILLENHALL DARVEL ROAD
- Much improved modern 3 Bedrooms semi detached
- Lounge with dining area
- Refitted kitchen
- Bathroom
- Double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Garage
- Driveway
- Front and rear gardens

OFFERS OVER £125,000



WILLENHALL MEMORIAL CLOSE
- Immaculately Presented Much Improved Two Bedroom Semi Detached
- Lounge
- Conservatory
- Newly Fitted Kitchen
- Shower Room
- Drive
- Pleasant Rear Gardens

£120,000



HADLEY HEATH HATHAWAY CLOSE
- A Superb Modern Detached In Popular Cul De Sac
- Hall
- Lounge
- Dining Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Gas CH
- Garage, Block Paved Driveway
- Rear Gardens

OFFERS OVER £120,000



WILLENHALL DILLOWAYS LANE
- Beautifully Presented Two Bedroom Mid Terrace Bungalow with Pleasant Front & Rear Gardens
- Spacious Lounge
- Fitted Breakfast Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Gas CH
- Double Glazing

£115,000



ESSINGTON HOUGH WAY
- Superb First Floor Apartment
- Premier Location
- Reception Hall
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Allocated Parking Space

£110,000



WILLENHALL BENTON CLOSE
- Well Presented Mid Town House
- No Chain
- Through Lounge /Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Double Glazing, Gas CH
- Front & Rear Gardens

£99,950



SHORT HEATH CHAUCER AVENUE
- Spacious Two Bedroom Mid Terrace Property
- Through Lounge / Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating System
- Double Glazing
- Front & Rear Gardens

£88,000



WILLENHALL WELLINGTON PLACE
- Superb Well Appointed First Floor Duplex Maisonette with Allocated Parking Spaces
- Lounge with Dining Area
- Large Bedroom
- Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Double Glazing

OFFERS OVER £85,000



WILLENHALL ST ANNE'S ROAD
- Period Three Bedroom Mid Terrace
- No Chain
- Through Lounge / Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Garage
- Rear Gardens

£79,995



NEW INVENTION CANNOCK ROAD
- Much Improved Modern Style Mid Town House
- Lounge
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
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- Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Garage
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EPC-TBC





BLOXWICH DARTFORD ROAD
- Very deceptive extended Four bedroom property
- Extended at both ground and first floor
- Four first floor bedrooms and ensuite
- Three reception rooms
- Garage and block paved driveway
- Lovely established rear garden
- Gas central heating
- No upward chain

£165,000 OFFERS

EPC-TBC





BLOXWICH SOMERFIELD ROAD
- Extended town house style property
- Three bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- Upvc double glazing
- Two reception rooms
- Rear Parking
- Ideal first time purchase
- Viewing recommended

£114,950 OFFERS

EPC-TBC





BLOXWICH ASHBOURNE ROAD
- Pleasant end town house style property
- Two bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- Upvc double glazing
- Upstairs shower room
- Off road parking
- Ideal first time purchase
- No upward chain

£99,950 OFFERS

EPC-TBC





BLOXWICH NETLEY WAY
- End town house style property
- Two bedrooms and loft room
- Gas central heating
- Upvc double glazing
- Lounge and dining kitchen
- Off road parking
- Upstairs bathroom
- Viewing recommended

£84,950 OFFERS

EPC: TBC





BLOXWICH SELMANS HILL
- Well appointed traditional style bay fronted semi detached property having been extended to the rear elevation to provide a splendid 24ft kitchen/sitting room
- Three bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Lovely established rear garden
- Internal viewing strongly advised

£200,000 OFFERS

EPC: TBC





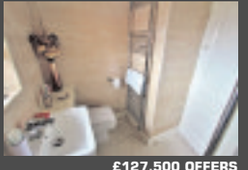
WALSALL GREEN LANE
- Very deceptive extended four bedroom property conveniently located to Bloxwich town centre
- Two reception rooms
- Large breakfast/dining kitchen
- Loft bedroom 4 with shower cubicle
- Utility room and w.c
- Pleasantly appointed throughout
- Internal viewing strongly advised!

£125,000 OFFERS IN EXCESS OF

EPC: C



PELSALL CLOCKMILL ROAD
- Pleasantly appointed semi detached property
- Two bedrooms
- Gas central heating & UPVC double glazing
- Excellent re-fitted shower room
- Generous rear garden
- Ideal first time purchase
- Viewing strongly recommended



£127,500 OFFERS

EPC: E





BLOXWICH SNEYD HALL ROAD
- Traditional style detached property located just off Sneyd Lane, Bloxwich in need of modernisation but offering excellent potential to improve and extend (subject to planning)
- Three bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Pleasant rear garden
- Garage and off road parking

£129,950 OFFERS

EPC: D





BLOXWICH GLASTONBURY CRESCENT
- Improved semi detached property situated in corner position with generous rear garden
- Three bedrooms
- Re fitted kitchen and shower room
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- No upward chain
- Internal viewing strongly recommended

£97,500 OFFERS

EPC: E





BLOXWICH SNEYD LANE
- Pleasantly appointed detached
- Three bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- Majority Upvc double glazed windows

£130,000 OFFERS IN EXCESS OF

EPC: E

WALSALL BROADSTONE AVENUE
- Well proportioned three bedroom semi detached property
- Two reception rooms
- Gas central heating

£105,000 OFFERS

EPC: C





BLOXWICH BROAD LANE
- Much improved semi detached property
- Extended to the rear and side elevations
- Popular Broad Lane location
- Four bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Gas central heating
- Bathroom and shower room
- Detached garage

£164,950 OFFERS

EPC: D



BLOXWICH THE OAKS
- Pleasant modern style detached residence
- Situated in private barratts built development
- Gas centrally heated



- Upvc double glazed
- Four bedrooms
- Conservatory
- En-suite shower room

£225,000 OFFERS

EPC: E



LEAMORE BLOXWICH ROAD
- Pleasantly appointed terraced style property conveniently situated approximately halfway between Bloxwich and Walsall town centres
- Three bedrooms

£89,950 OFFERS

EPC: E



WALSALL HARDEN ROAD
- Larger type Victorian style terraced property
- Conveniently located off Bloxwich Road, Leamore
- Gas centrally heated & UPVC double glazed
- Two bedrooms

£94,500 OFFERS

EPC: C



BLOXWICH ABINGDON ROAD
- MOTIVATED SELLER
- Considerably improved three bedroom property
- Ideal for a young family
- Refitted kitchen and bathroom



- Off road parking
- Generous rear garden
- No chain!
- Internal viewing strongly recommended

£110,000 OFFERS

EPC: C



BLOXWICH SELMANS HILL
- Imposing extended traditional style detached
- Offering spacious family living accommodation
- Must be viewed to be fully appreciated
- Four bedroom

£265,000 OFFERS

EPC: B



BLOXWICH BASLOW ROAD
- Very deceptive extended traditional style four bedroom property situated in this mature and sought after residential area near to Stafford Road, Bloxwich

£225,000

EPC: D



BLOXWICH PARKER STREET
- Considerably improved terraced style property
- Conveniently located for Bloxwich Town Centre
- Two bedrooms
- Re-fitted kitchen and bathroom

£89,950 OFFERS

EPC: D



BLOXWICH ASH STREET
- Pleasant semi detached property situated on popular street located off Ingram Road, Bloxwich
- Three bedrooms
- Gas central heating

£99,950 OFFERS IN EXCESS OF

EPC: D



PELSALL PARTRIDGE MILL
- Pleasantly appointed modern style semi detached property situated in popular purpose built development
- Three bedrooms

£154,950 OFFERS

EPC: D



BLOXWICH PARK ROAD
- Conveniently located terraced style property
- Two bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazing

£79,950 OFFERS

EPC: D



BLOXWICH ENVILLE CLOSE
- Modern style town house situated in popular Turnberry development
- Two bedrooms
- Majority double glazing

£119,950 OFFERS

EPC: B



BLOXWICH BELL LANE
- Superbly presented modern house
- Four bedrooms
- En - suite shower room
- Gas central heating & UPVC double glazed windows

£179,950 OFFERS

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OFFERS AROUND: £89,950

Moseley Road
Willenhall

NEW



<br:> Spacious semi detached residence close to all local amenities and transport kinks, Double Glazed and part Gas Central Heating, this property must be viewed to appreciate the accommodation on offer. Briefly Comprising: Porch, Hallway, Lounge, Conservatory, Dining Room, Extended Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower , Off road parking and Rear Garden.

OFFERS AROUND: £99,995

Aston Road
Willenhall

NEW



<br:>Spacious semi detached residence in a popular location requiring modernisation and Offering No Upward Chain. UPVc Double Glazing and Gas Central Heating, briefly comprising: Entrance , Hallway, Lounge, Kitchen, Outhouse, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower, Front Driveway and Good Size Rear Garden.

OFFERS AROUND: £89,995

Mill Lane
Willenhall



Immaculate and modern 3 bedroom semi detached house, entrance porch and hallway, modern kitchen, lounge, modern bathroom, driveway and garden, rear garden, double glazing and central heating, call Paul Dubberley on 01902 633323 to view. EPC - C

OFFERS AROUND: £120,000

Bradleys Lane
Bilston

NEW



Refurbishment project, 3 bedroom detached house with no upward chain, entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, shower room, central heating, driveway and garage, front and rear gardens, call Paul Dubberley to view.

OFFERS AROUND: £148,950

Mount Road
Wolverhampton

NEW



3 Bedroom semi detached house, lounge, open plan kitchen/diner, 3 good size bedrooms, bathroom, central heating and double glazing (both where specified) driveway and rear garden, call Paul Dubberley to view.

OFFERS AROUND: £95,000

Lawnside Green
Bilston



Modernised 3 Bedroom semi detached house with no upward chain, driveway, entrance hall, wc, modern kitchen, lounge, dining room, modern bathroom, double glazing and central heating, no upward chain, call Paul Dubberley to view.

OFFERS AROUND: £107,500

Cecil Street
Walsall

REDUCED



A ground floor contemporary style apartment situated in a converted school close to Walsall town centre. The property features two double bedrooms, good size lounge, kitchen with appliances & modern shower room. Allocated parking space. Viewing essential.

OFFERS AROUND: £69,950

Ewhurst Close
Willenhall

REDUCED



2 Bedroom modern semi detached house tucked away at the end of the service road, entrance lobby, lounge, kitchen/diner, modern shower room, double glazing and central heating, garage and driveway, rear garden, call Paul Dubberley to view. EPC - D

OFFERS AROUND: £120,000

Parkview Road
Bilston



Lovely 2 bedroom end terraced house with plenty of scope as a family house, entrance porch and lobby, lounge, dining room, kitchen, side passageway, wc and storage, shower room , double glazing, front and rear gardens, no upward chain, call Paul Dubberley to view.

OFFERS AROUND: £89,950



Ettingshall Park Farm Lane
Wolverhampton

NEW



Ideal Property for someone looking for a project! This three bedrooms semi detached property benefits from open plan lounge, kitchen family bathroom off road parking and front and rear garden, close to local amenities and transport links.

OFFERS AROUND: £115,000

Williams Close
Willenhall

REDUCED



Well presented Semi Detached residence situated in a popular cul de sac location in Short Heath. Benefiting from UPVc Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Cavity wall and Loft Insulation and No Upward Chain, briefly comprising: Entrance Hallway, L-Shaped Lounge, Kitchen with modern boiler, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Front & Rear Gardens, Driveway and Garage. EPC - D

OFFERS AROUND: £145,000

Stowmans Close
Bilston

NEW



Ideal for FTB, A well presented two bedrooms semi detached house, which benefits from lounge fitted kitchen, family bathroom front and rear garden and ample parking. Accommodation also benefits from double glazing and central heating.

OFFERS AROUND: £135,000

Bridge Road
Walsall

REDUCED



AN UPPER FLOOR APARTMENT OF CONTEMPORARY STYLE WHICH OFFERS WELL PRESENTED ACCOMMODATION THROUGHOUT. The property further features two double bedrooms, good size breakfast kitchen, lounge incorporating dining area, modern bathroom & gated parking. Viewing essential to appreciate.

OFFERS AROUND: £89,950

Beacon Street
Walsall



Refurbished End Terraced residence ideal for First Time Buyers which benefits from UPVc Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating & having re-fitted Kitchen and Bathroom. Spacious family accommodation briefly comprising: 2 Reception Rooms, Re fitted Kitchen with integrated oven/hob, 3 Bedrooms, Re fitted Bathroom with shower, Front & Enclosed Private Rear Garden. No Upward chain. Must be viewed to appreciate the

OFFERS AROUND: £110,000

Woodruff Way
Walsall



<br:>Well Presented Executive style Detached residence which benefits from UPVc Double Glazing, Gas Central heating & No Upward Chain. Located in the popular Tamebridge Estate which is close to all amenities and transport links this property must be viewed to appreciate the accommodation on offer. Briefly comprising: Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Conservatory, Fitted Kitchen with integrated appliances, Utility Room, Guest Cloakroom, 4 Bedrooms, En-suite shower room

OFFERS AROUND: £240,000

Aster Way
Walsall



<br:>An immaculate modern detached residence in a sought after location close to good transport links and local amenities. Gas Central Heating and UPVc Double Glazing, Property must be viewed to appreciate the accommodation on offer. Briefly Comprising: Reception Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, En suite shower room to master, Family Bathroom, Block Paved Forecourt, Enclosed

OFFERS AROUND: £189,950

Drayton Street
Walsall



HHIDEAL INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY HH A 3 bedroom semi detached home being double glazed and centrally heated. The accommodation briefly comprises a reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, family bathroom, enclosed low maintenance rear garden and off road parking.

OFFERS AROUND: £110,000

Rowan Road
Walsall



An EXTENDED & improved traditional semi detached residence set within a popular south Walsall location. The four bedroom property further features two reception rooms, kitchen, utility room, family bathroom & en-suite facilities. Good sized rear garden. Energy rating D.

OFFERS AROUND: £225,000

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Trees Road,Walsall
- Four Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen & Bathroom
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Gas Central Heating & D.Glazing
- DHSS Accepted

Monthly Rental Of £550



Broadway,Walsall
- Two Bedroom Apartment
- Ground Floor
- Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen
- Master Bedroom/Ensuite
- Bathroom
- Intercom Access

Monthly Rental Of £550



Lancaster Place,Walsall
- Two Bedroom Semi-Detached
- D.Glazing & G.C.Heating
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Kitchen/Utility
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- Lounge
- Dining Room
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Cope Street,Walsall
- Three Bed Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Rear Garden
- DHSS Accepted

Monthly Rental Of £495



REDUCED

Hawbush Road,Walsall
- Three Bedroom Terraced House
- Large Lounge
- Kitchen
- Utility
- Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking
- DHSS Accepted

Monthly Rental Of £495



NEW

Valley Road,Walsall
- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Downstairs W.C.
- Family Bathroom
- Sorry NO DHSS, Pets or Smokers

Monthly Rental Of £495



Tame Street East,Walsall
- Three Bedroom Semi - Detached
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Off Road Parking
- DHSS Accepted
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Popular Delves area of Walsall

Monthly Rental Of £475



Walker Road,Walsall
- Two Bedroom First Floor Apartment
- Open Plan Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Allocated Parking
- DHSS Accepted.

Monthly Rental Of £450



REDUCED

Millfield Avenue,Walsall
- Three Bedroom Mid Terrace House
- Lounge
- Kitchen / Diner
- Family Bathroom
- Rear Utility Area & WC
- DHSS Accepted

Monthly Rental Of £450



Harden Close,Walsall
- Two Bedroom First Floor Flat
- Private Entrance
- Lounge
- Newly Fitted Kitchen
- Gas Central Heating & D, Glazing
- DHSS Accepted

Monthly Rental Of £425



Waterfront Way,Walsall
- One Bedroom Ground Floor Apartment
- Open Plan Lounge / Kitchen
- Bathroom with Shower over Bath
- Allocated Parking
- Secure Gated Entrance
- Sorry No DHSS, Pets or Smokers
- Walsall Town Centre
-

Monthly Rental Of £425



Gallery Square,Walsall
- One Bedroom First Floor Apartment
- Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen
- Shower Room
- Town Centre Location
- Close to all Transport Links
- Double Glazing
- Underfloor Heating
- Sorry No DHSS, Pets or Smokers

Monthly Rental Of £425



Cairns Street,Walsall
- Two Bedroom Terraced
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- DHSS Accepted

Monthly Rental Of £425



Bloxwich Road,Walsall
- Two Bedroom Ground Floor Flat
- Private Entrance
- Open Plan Lounge / Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Parking Space
- DHSS Accepted

Monthly Rental Of £400



Bridge Street,Walsall
- One Bedroom Ground Floor Flat
- Large Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen & Bathroom
- Secure Off Road Parking
- Town Centre Location
- Close to all transport links & amenities

Monthly Rental Of £400



NEW

Revival Street,Walsall
- Two Bedroom Mid-Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Gas Central Heating

Monthly Rental Of £400



Bloxwich Road,Walsall
- One Bedroom Flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating
- Off Road Parking

Monthly Rental Of £380



REDUCED

Taverners Close,Willenhall
- One Bedroom Ground Floor Maisonette
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Double Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Front Garden
- Off Road Parking
- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating

Monthly Rental Of £395



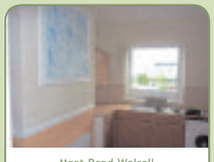
Dartmouth Avenue,Walsall
- One Bedroomed Property
- Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Lounge
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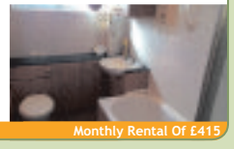
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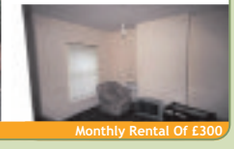


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Audi upping the styling game with TT roadster

By Graham Breeze

Friends ribbed me that the Audi TT Roadster I was driving was a hairdresser's car but the third generation model that's just arrived on our roads is certainly not just for the girls.

The new TT is evolutionary, rather than revolutionary – after all why fix something that isn't broken. But Audi has upped the game in styling and technology and is taking the fight to rivals in the sector.

The TT Roadster looks broadly the same but there's a sharper focus on sports positioning and better dynamics thanks to its lightweight aluminium and steel construction. The TT of today is a more sharply designed package, with a slightly longer wheelbase with definite hints of the more expensive R8.

Sitting on 19in wheels the S-Line gets deeper side sills, different bumpers and a black grille.

There are just two trims, Sport and S-Line, and a choice of highly efficient engines.

The petrol TT uses a 230bhp, 2.0-litre TFSI unit with either a six-speed manual gearbox or Audi's seven-speed, dual-clutch S tronic transmission, and there's the choice of front- or Quattro four-wheel drive.

You can also get a TDI Ultra version with an 184bhp 2.0-litre diesel engine which gives 67.3mpg and emit just 110g/km of CO2 with manual and front-wheel drive.

I prefer the 2.0litre TFSi S tronic which was on test. It came with an on-the-road tag of £33,020 but on-board extras pushed that up to £40,255.

Extras include leather trim, auto dimming and rear-view mirror sensor package, heated seats and a parking system.

Performance

There was a top speed of 155mph and 0-62mph in only 6.1 seconds, yet the manufacturers claim 38.6mpg on the combined cycle and 11 per cent lower CO2 figures of 142g/km.

That really is competitive.

And while there's the performance you would expect there's lots more inside the cabin to make the TT stand out from the opposition, particularly if you want to upgrade to get Audi's stunning virtual cockpit system.

Centre of attention is the 12in LCD driver display which has replaced conventional dials and sits beautifully in front of the driver where all information is readily available.

This development is a real sales winner for Audi and just has to be seen to be believed. It can be switched between Classic View or Infotainment View which brings up the biggest navigation map you will ever see.

Telephone, media, trip and car settings functions all appear on the screen and can be controlled using both the touch sensitive MMI controller or the multi-function wheel – a sheer joy.

The test car was fitted with the optional Technology Package which added Google Maps traffic information, music streaming and internet access.

On the road stability control intervention contributes to great roadholding and if you chose to upgrade to the AWD Quattro there's even more agility.

Audi's Drive Select system is standard across the range, allowing you to chose Normal, Sport or Dynamic driving modes.

Audi may say that the TT is a 2+2 but it's really a two-seater. The benefits come when you lower the rear seats to increase boot space.

There's also a shortage of storage space in the cabin so you'll need to travel lightly.

Visibility is normally a problem in this sector but the TT scores well in this area.

All models in the new range are considerably dearer, but Audi has a reputation for holding residual values, so price shouldn't be an issue.

Small revisions making a big difference on the Mazda SUV

By Iain Dooley





The CX-5 led Mazda's charge back to winning ways in 2012 with the striking 'Kodo' styling that was then rolled out on everything else, from the 2 supermini to the 6 flagship saloon. This is the first time a Kodo car has been updated, so, as you can imagine, Mazda has kept the visual changes to a minimum.

On the inside, the MZD infotainment system has been revised and you'll find some of the main buttons in a more intuitive place between the front seats. Small things can make a big difference.

You'd have to argue that the CX-5 has been the prettiest member of the compact SUV class since it was launched. Nothing has changed too much on that front, with a tweak here and a lift there.

Soft lines and muscular shapes combine to hide the car's size exceptionally well. The Mazda is bigger than a Nissan Qashqai, but it doesn't look it.

Leaders

Something has always held this car's sales back versus the sector sales leaders, though – even if a few hours with the car leaves me clueless as to why.

It holds its own against any rival you care to name, so perhaps something in the CX-5's image is struggling to shout loud enough to be heard over the crowd.

You be the judge.

An average-height man in the driving seat of the manual version leaves plenty of legroom behind himself. People tend to sit a bit further away in the automatic version, though, to stretch their legs a bit more, while those who sit closer to the wheel leave limo-like space for rear passengers.

The boot is pretty huge, with a recessed bin at the side that can keep bottles or cartons from rolling or sliding around the rest of the load bay.

A capacious covered bin between the front seats also has a removable coin tray. Handy.

While the 2.2-litre diesel is a miracle of modern technology for how low its emissions are, it could do with more soundproofing.

It grumbles and growls away not unpleasantly, but certainly more loudly than it could.

It really does drive sweetly, though, with a marvellous gearbox inspired by the MX-5 sports car's, and body control that sits between the sporty and the comfortable. It grips like a limpet, feels instantly driver-friendly and the only factor that takes some getting used to is on the manual petrol models, which have springy clutches and such instant throttle response that it can be hard to be really smooth when setting off.

Intuitive

Worth noting is the redesigned MZD system control layout, which works a treat. The system itself is possibly the most intuitive and capable system you'll find anywhere in 'cardom', quickly leading you to the options and sub-menus that you want.

At the top end of the range the CX-5 gets expensive. It's more spacious than some of its big-selling rivals, though, so the price tag isn't without justification.

The rubberised finish of some interior surfaces is a bit utilitarian for a car of this price, but the high-riding Mazda's attributes lie elsewhere. It feels like solid value for money in the middle of the range.

The fluency with which it drives, relative to its more straight-laced rivals, is a unique selling point in the sector.

It's also a bit of a looker and comes complete with a towering driving position, lots of legroom for five and a boot big enough to create echoes.

It's a family car, then, but one for parents who really take pride in their choice and want something they can consciously enjoy owning.

This car summed up in a single word: Smooth.

If this car was a: Character in a soap opera, it would be good-looking, easy-going and talented.

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Mazda CX-5, from £22,295

Engine: Four-cylinder diesel producing 148bhp and 280lb/ft

Transmission: Six-speed manual driving the front wheels

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Don't try to haggle over the price – it is a bargain

By Ian Donaldson

MG must be hoping that less is more with the relaunch of the larger of its two models, the blink-and-you'll-miss it MG6.

Now the company, based in China but with a modest UK home in the Birmingham factory where the original Mini was once built, is slashing prices of the MG6, ditching the option of a petrol engine and booting out the saloon version too.

That leaves a pared down range, costing £3,000 less than before, with modest changes to looks inside and out, slightly better performance and economy from its diesel engine and a boost to the already high standard equipment count.

And MG will be pretty happy if it sells 600 of them this year through a growing dealer network enjoying fast-rising sales, mostly of the smaller MG3 hatch.

Like that lively little runaround, its big brother MG6 has no-haggle prices (so don't try), but with the cheapest model in the three-car line-up costing just £13,995 there shouldn't be many potential customers who don't regard it as a bit of a bargain anyway.

They'll be getting an S grade car with air con, hill start assist (it hangs on to the brakes for a moment after you release the pedal on a slope) and even heated front seats (they'll cost you £300 on a £35,000 Audi) and an engine that provides enough performance and a likely 50mpg in everyday use.

The £16,195 TS version brings satellite navigation (a new system that works well), along with Bluetooth and a DAB radio, auto lights, wipers and dimming mirror and rear parking sensors.

That's surely the version to go for if you can possibly afford the extra monthly payments, although the range topping TL (£17,955) does add a touch of modest luxury, with leather trim, electric seats, dual zone climate control and a rear parking camera.

All of which may make you wonder how the likes of Ford, with the Focus, Vauxhall with the Astra and Skoda' with the Octavia (all quoted as chief rivals) actually manage to move any metal at much greater prices – up to £7,000 more in some cases, before you factor in a discount or two.

Well, even MG would agree the opposition "might perform slightly better", and it does. The MG6, especially this reworked version actually feels pretty good on the road, pulling well without too much diesel clatter and urged along with a fine new feel to the gear change.

Rides and handles decently too; you can tell final fettling has been done by British engineers on our uniquely challenging UK road surfaces (German prestige marques please note), but without that final veneer of class that you'll find in the best of the MG6's competitors.

Inside, the new car feels usefully more classy than before but the feel of its plastics and the look of the instruments won't worry a Skoda driver, although an MG buyer may be more interested in the spacious back seat and big boot of his car rather than spending time rapping the dash with his knuckles.

But you must then skip back to the prices and ask: "Is this is a car I could live with, while pocketing the thousands of pounds I'd save by buying one?"

There ought to be at least 600 people this year who answer with a resounding "yes!".

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MG6 GT TL
Engine: 148bhp diesel
Warranty: Three years, 60,000 miles
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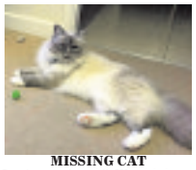
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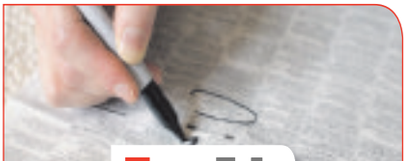
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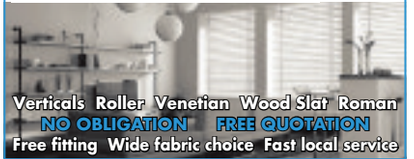


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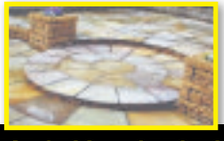
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Chance to push the boat out with sailing club

WALSALL Sailability has a new home after joining forces with Aldridge Sailing Club(ASC).

The group, which gives people with disabilities the chance to learn the ropes and sail regularly as part of the national Royal Yachting Association Sailability programme, has moved five miles from Sneyd Lake to The Swag at Barns Lane, off Stubbers Green Road, following affiliation to Aldridge SC.

Local people of all abilities, ages and backgrounds are invited to see what sailing has to offer when ASCwith Walsall Sailability hosts its free annual open day on Saturday, with another opportunity for newcomers to also have a go at no cost on Sunday, May 10, as part of national RYA Push The Boat Out.

Walsall Sailability will continue to be run by Jeff Moore, Walsall Council Sport and Leisure's former outdoor pursuit officer, along with RYA senior instructor Philippa Bryan.As well as Aldridge club members giving visitors the chance to get out on the water and sample sailing, Walsall Sailability will also have adapted boats for families with disabled children or disabled adults within the family to try sailing or enjoy a joyride in a powerboat. Both events run from 11am-4pm warm clothes, soft soled shoes and a waterproof is recommended. The club will provide everything else.

ASC is a recognised RYA Training Centre meaning it conforms to the highest standards of safety and quality.For full details on how to get involved visit www.aldridgesc.org.uk or for more information about RYA Push The Boat Out visit www.rya.org.uk/go/ptbo

Instructors lead way to success



Successful Walsall Elite Martial Arts students

WALSALL Elite Martial Arts are celebrating as the club's Tae Kwon Do and judo instructors powered their way to success.

Walsall EMA judo instructor Jonathan Bromwich won silver medal the AJA championships in the 80+kg men's advanced black belt category, while Walsall EMA's Tae Kwon Do instructor Jason Rowley also fought his way into the men's heavyweight continuous sparring category, where he battled against the current world champion to win silver.

TKD student Tim Sheward collected a bronze in the cadet male red belt continuous sparring., while Amjad Tawfiq and Aryan Singh also followed in their instructor's footsteps by both claiming silver. Tawfiq won his in the men's yellow/green belt point stop sparring, and Singh won his in the black belt boys tag team sparring. Instructor Emily Arms said: "It's an absolute fantastic start to the year, let's hope we can continue our club success at the BTC Ladies & Junior championships."

Walsall EMA are currently recruiting. For details, check out www.walsallelitemartialarts.co.uk, contact Emily on 07971196676 or at emily@walsallelitemartialarts.co.uk

Boxer Lukes forward to hometown bout

BLOXWICH'S Luke Paddock will tick over with a tune up on home turf this weekend before he finally makes his first defence of the Midlands light welterweight title.

'Cool Hand' is first looking to go four rounds with durable journeyman Matt Seawright at Walsall Town Hall on Saturday's fight night.

The British Boxing Board of Control have made Aston's Chris Truman the mandatory challenger to his belt, a contest due to take place in the summer.

The bout will soon be confirmed for Saturday June 6 at Wolverhampton Civic Hall, where they were due to meet for the then-vacant crown last October before Truman pulled out.

Paddock went on to claim the strap by outpointing Stoke's Josh McLaren in December with Newark's Fergus Taylor, another considered as an opponent, then lined up for a shot.

Taylor was forced to withdraw from February's showdown at Chase Leisure Centre, Cannock, on medical grounds, with Paddock defeating 'Fonz' Alexander over six rounds instead.

The 23-year-old has been frustrated in his attempts to prove himself as a fighting champion and is determined to terminate the credentials of 'the Trumanator.'

Paddock said: "I'm looking forward to fighting. It's always a pleasure to fight in my home town and the Town Hall is a very special venue for me.

Delighted

"I'm scheduled to defend my title against Truman during the summer and I want to keep busy. I was offered the chance to feature here and I was delighted to accept.

"The Alexander fight was a good test for me. He came in at late notice, but came to win. I had prepared for a title fight, though, and that's why I was back in the gym virtually straight away.

"That means I'm in good shape going into this four-rounder. I have Truman in my sights, but I need to take care of business in Walsall first."

The vacant Midlands welterweight title will be contested at the top of the bill, in a 10-rounder between Stafford's Rob Hunt and Nuneaton's Sullivan Mason.

The under-card features Rowley Regis' Jason Welborn, also twice a challenger to the British light middleweight title, and Stourbridge's Steven Pearce. Popular middleweight Warren Sinden, from Welshpool, and Burton-based light welter Tom Shaw also appear.

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Luke Paddock who is coming home to fight



Ben Wilkes returns to the ring after five years out

Blues boss philosophical about loss to Hornets

Watford 1 Blues 0

BIRMINGHAM boss Gary Rowett was philosophical after a defeat that saw opponents Watford go top of the Championship.

Craig Cathcart's second-half volley was enough to seal the points after a dogged Blues defence was finally beaten.

Rowett said: "Our aim was to come and stifle them a little bit, like it so often has been. That's the way we've played since we've come in and we don't feel at the minute we're able to be as expansive as we'd like.

"We can be at home, our home form is excellent, but away from home; we did it for 35 minutes against Bournemouth and caused them a lot of problems and perhaps couldn't reach those heights, but it was a more consistent performance.

"We made it difficult for Watford. They're a very good side and they try to play through you and they've got lots of great movement around the edge of the box which means you end up dropping deep and means you can't give space."

The decisive goal at Vicarage Road came in the 56th minute when substitute Ikechi Anya crossed from the left and Cathcart sent a fine volleyed finish into the top corner past goalkeeper Darren Randolph.

Despite looking good in possession going forward, it took the Hornets almost 20 minutes to begin to open up the Birmingham defence.

They were unfortunate not to take the lead, though, when a fine pass from Adlene Guedioura created the opportunity for Troy Deeney.

Dunkirk show fighting spirit in drop battle

Walsall Wood 0 Dunkirk 1

WOOD struggled to break down a hard working Dunkirk defence, well marshalled by player manager Nick Hawkins, who for the second time this season left Oak Park with all three points.

Ultimately, league positions counted for nothing, with Wood riding high and Dunkirk struggling. But the visitors wanted it more and deserved to go home with the three points, improving their chances of avoiding the drop in the process.

Right on half time, from an untidy scramble in the Wood box, Kevin Hemagou went down under an innocuous-looking challenge from Mario Kisiel and was awarded a penalty. Hemagou's spot-kick was well saved.

The breakthrough came on 57 minutes, Gwinnett hit a hopeful long ball into the right of the box, Hemagou read the bounce better than the defender, who ended up the wrong side of him with the young striker raced clear to calmly slot the ball past the advancing Kisiel.

Talks stall on O'Donnell's new contract

WALSALL boss Dean Smith has confirmed contract talks with star goalkeeper Richard O'Donnell have stalled because of his agent's travel arrangements.

The talented shot stopper is out of the contract at the end of the season but Smith has made it clear he wants to keep his number one at the Banks's Stadium.

Talks on a new deal began in February with O'Donnell publicly stating he didn't expect any problems and that he wanted to extend his stay. But the goalkeeper, who has been an ever present since joining from Chesterfield in 2013, is yet to sign – with Smith blaming his agent's travelling commitments.

"The talks with Richard have been going on for two months," Smith said. "His agent is a bit of a traveller in all honesty, in Australia and Denmark.

"We are trying to get a deal sorted out with him but it is proving quite hard. At the end of the day all we can do is offer the best possible deal we can give him and it is up to Richard to decide what he wants to do."

Two players who Smith hasn't got any worries about remaining with the Saddlers next season are Jordan Cook and Anthony Forde who are both under contract.

And Smith believes they are two of a collection of players who will improve next season following their experiences this campaign. "A lot of the players will be better for this season," the boss said.

Meanwhile, Smith was full of praise for his players after keeping four clean sheets in a row. They work hard from the front to the back, everyone is playing their part."

There will be no easing up warns Smith

DEAN SMITH has promised there will be no let up from Walsall over the final three league games as they aim for an unbeaten finish to the season.

The Saddlers went to Swindon on Tuesday night with their League One safety all but assured after Saturday's 1-1 draw at Crewe, but Smith insists there is no danger of his players taking their foot off the gas, against opponents who must win to keep alive their own hopes of automatic promotion.

"We won't be taking it easy," he said. "The players are a bunch who are focused anyway and want to keep doing well.

"We are still 15th in the league and would like to finish higher."

While Smith's team are still not mathematically safe from the drop, it would take an extraordinary set of results to now drag them back into trouble after Tom Bradshaw's fortunate late leveller was enough for a point on Saturday.

The result extended their unbeaten run to five games.

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Boothe gives Wood the points in late strike

Long Eaton United 1 Walsall Wood 2

A goal five minutes from time by Shawn Boothe gave Wood the points to move ever closer to third place.

An early right wing move by Wood involving Luke Adams and Ben Evans saw Joey Butlin hit a first time low drive whistling inches wide.

It didn't take United long to threaten, Ben Watkis flicked a header into the left of the box to put Daryl Thomas in on goal, Shawn Boothe came in with a superb saving tackle.

A long ball forward ball found Watkis on the right of the box, his first time fierce drive pushed round his left hand post by keeper Mario Kisiel.

On 10 minutes an intricate move from the back by Wood saw Harry Harris run at the defence from halfway before threading a ball through the home defence right of centre to find Corey Currithers who ran on and calmly slotted the ball beyond the advancing Scott Low.

Within 2 minutes the home side were level, a long ball forward wide left was won by a Wood defender, who under pressure from Thomas mishit his pass back to Kisiel, the striker racing onto the ball and firing across Kisiel into the far corner.

Football

On 21 minutes Butlin charged clear wide right, his ball inside was hit first time by Evans, Low pushing the ball away, but only to Evans again whose shot was blocked, Currithers first to the loose ball, his low drive blocked by David Boafo. A minute later Max Black was fouled just in the D, Butlin's free kick saved low to his left by Low.

Powering

A period of home pressure yielded a right wing corner on 28 minutes, Ross Parker powering a header inches too high.

Currithers wide left, cut inside through three tackles only for Boafo to save United with a superb challenge to come away with the ball. The last goal mouth action came four minutes later. Evans powered into the box from wide right before going down under a challenge from behind, confident penalty appeals ignored. The first chance of the second half saw United substitute Tom Cooper-Richards make space wide right, he pulled the ball back to Thomas to fire first time over.

Three minutes later Butlin pressured a defender into a mistake wide right before cutting inside, Low at full stretch saving his rising drive.

Wells later fired a low cross into the Wood box, a scramble developed but the Wood defence held firm.

Back came Wood and two minutes later Currithers powered in from wide left, his rising drive hitting a defender, another loud hand ball appeal ignored.

Justice was done when five minutes later Evans won a right wing corner that was headed behind at the far post by Parker, Harris delivered the ball from the left wing corner, Parker was first to the ball, his header deflecting off the head of Shawn Boothe and into the net.

The win puts Wood up to fourth and now within touching distance of third.

Whatever happens, it's Wood's highest ever placing.

Wolves will battle to the very last game

DISAPPOINTED Kenny Jackett has vowed Wolves will come out fighting at Wigan this weekend after their play-off hopes were left hanging by a thread.

Saturday's 1-1 draw against Ipswich – as well as Derby and Brentford also taking a point from their games against Huddersfield and Bolton respectively – left things as they were, with Wolves still eighth and three points off a top-six spot with two games left.

Richard Stearman's 22nd-minute own goal gave Ipswich the lead but Benik Afobe rescued a point.

Head coach Jackett insists his players will not throw in the towel as they prepare to go to Wigan – who need to win and hope Rotherham lose to have a chance of staying up – on Saturday.



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Rabone puts cap on win for Khalsa

Sporting Khalsa 3 Bridgnorth 1

A Marvin Nisbett brace helped champions Sporting Khalsa extend their lead over second-placed Bridgnorth to 18 points with three games in hand.

Nisbett opened the scoring on 23 minutes, shooting through a crowded penalty area from the right-hand side of the box into the opposite corner.

Five minutes later, he doubled the lead, reacting quickly as the ball bounced loose from a Tim Jackson corner.

The visitors fired a warning shot that they were still in the game on 36 minutes, Shaun Williams forced into defensive action to deny Adam Bealey before Chris Crook kept his side in the game just before the break, producing an acrobatic save to deny Craig Bannister.

On 57 minutes Bannister again tried his luck, shooting over after great work by Williams down the flank before, at the other end, hesitancy in the Khalsa defensive ranks required the decisive intervention of Joe Rogers to deny the powerhouse Anwar Olugbon and Andy Hartlebury almost scored.

Williams shot over after carving out a good opening for himself on 62 minutes and six minutes later Franco – the only outfield regular not to score for Khalsa this season – almost grabbed a goal from a Jackson corner.

Bridgnorth got themselves back into the game on 76 minutes as a defensive horror show by Jackson let in Olugbon to slide in a cross for Dan Taylor to score what was only the fifth league goal conceded by Khalsa at home.

This signaled an action-packed finale with neither side prepared to stand down.

With seconds left, Chris Rabone finished in style to give Khalsa the win.

Bradshaw hopes to banish injury problems for good

WALSALL striker Tom Bradshaw will sacrifice summer holidays for sports science in a bid to end his hamstring troubles once and for all.

The Saddlers' top scorer, who bagged his 18th of the season in Saturday's 1-1 draw at Crewe, has revealed plans to spend part of the close season with specialists at Loughborough University, who he hopes will find a solution to his chronic injury problems.

Bradshaw has endured repeated spells on the sidelines, which have seen him miss 20 games this season.

And asked about his plans for the summer, he replied: "I think I will probably have a couple of weeks break and then it is all about strengthening.

"We are going away, to Loughborough I think, to do all sorts of testing to try and nip it in the bud.

"It is not a major issue. It is not the actual hamstring muscle which is being damaged but the fascia so it is something which can be strengthened.

"Hopefully it will be sorted. "

Before then, Bradshaw will aim to reach his target of 20 goals for the campaign in the Saddlers final three games.

Hopes of win for captain's last game

Crew & Nantwich 33 Walsall 22

THE last game of the season was also Steve Halbert's final game for the club.

He has been a regular in the team for 10 years and has been the captain for a record-breaking seven seasons.

Now, after 228 appearances and 250 points, he has reduced his rugby playing commitment and hopes to spend more time in his South Birmingham home.

Walsall team had been forced to make several changes because of injuries and also the unavailability of Mehmet Vardarcik.

Rugby

It was the hosts who scored first. Walsall got their first points through Roger Weston who kicked a 40 metre penalty .

Rob Angell reacted well to a quickly taken Pittaway penalty and sliced through for a try which Weston converted.

Early second half pressure resulted in another C&N score and then a kick out of defence saw the ball bounce kindly for the chasing player to collect and score.

Weston then touched down and converted a try. The hosts extended their lead once again as they set up another try scoring phase

Flanker Jeffrey Williamson produced a superb mazy run to score.

Staffs Cup Final

Lichfield U-15s 29 Walsall U-15's 26

The county cup final was played at a very high intensity and showcased the skills and determination of both teams.

Walsall U-14s 44 DK U-14s 20

Both teams contributed to a free flowing game of rugby.

Walsall U-13s 39 Eccleshall 0 in the final of the Staffordshire Plate.

BRADSHAW IS THE SAVIOUR

Crewe 1 Walsall 1

TOM Bradshaw has accepted frequent bad luck this season with impeccable grace.

So perhaps his goal at Crewe on Saturday can be put down to some form of realignment in the universe.

The striker's 18th of this campaign will almost certainly end up being the most fortunate of his career.

It was a trick shot worthy of Steve Davis' more famous namesake and left the Alex boss feeling blue, as it cost his side two precious points for which most of the afternoon seemed firmly in their grasp.

With nine minutes to go and the Saddlers desperately short on ideas, hesitation in the home defence brought the ball to Bradshaw. His shot travelled barely a yard before hitting defender Harry Davis, looping up and spinning viciously on the turf to spring toward goal and beat a completely wrong-footed Paul Rachubka.

Niggling

Bradshaw – who has stayed relentlessly positive despite missing 20 games with niggling hamstring troubles – joked about intending the whole thing in post-match interviews, before admitting his relief at League One not having a dubious goals panel.

Yet the striker should be credited with making his own luck, something his team were in danger of once again failing to do.

His shot was their first on target of the entire game as, not for the first time this season, an opposition keeper was allowed to have too easy a life.

After a first half in which Crewe looked every inch a team desperate for the points and the Saddlers one with little to play for, it was the visitors who controlled the opening 15 minutes of the second without managing an attempt on goal.

When Romaine Sawyers, who had the kind of day his critics like to think occurs more often, finally did try his luck the ball cleared the bar by a distance and that remained the visitors' only shot of the period until Bradshaw's stroke of fortune.

Football is, ultimately, a simple game. If you don't shoot, you won't score. Sometimes you wonder whether the Saddlers realise that. Too often, they are guilty of playing safe. After Marcus Haber had become the first player to score past Dean Smith's side in more than six hours, Crewe might have led by more at the break had they shown a bit more composure and belief in attack.

Haber clattered a shot against the bar seconds before the goal, after getting in behind an uncharacteristically shaky Saddlers defence but kept his composure when Nicky Ajose returned the ball into the middle to head past keeper Richard O'Donnell.

But in the second half Crewe lacked courage, seemingly content to sit on a one-goal lead which then evaporated in a cruel twist of fortune. The Saddlers might even have nicked it had substitute Jordan Cook's shot not deflected just past the post.

As it is, the draw pretty much erased once and for all any lingering worry, no matter how remote, of being dragged into a late season relegation battle.

Their safety might not be mathematically assured but it would take an incredible set of results for that to change.

Maybe from now on, Smith will encourage more players to try their luck in the final third.

As Tom Bradshaw will attest, you never quite know what can happen.



Tom Bradshaw scores the equaliser for Walsall during their away game at Crewe

Pics continue to impress with victory

Rushall 2 Nantwich 1

RUSHALL continued their impressive end to the season as they completed a league double over Nantwich Town.

The Pics ran out 1-0 winners the last time the teams met in the Evo-Stik Premier and it was a narrow affair again.

The first goal came after eight minutes as Rushall, and league, top scorer Aaron Williams crossed the ball in for Sam Austin to hold up and roll in Carl Palmer who cut inside and finished into the roof from 10 yards.

The lead was extremely short-lived as Nantwich made it 1-1 in the same minute with former Northern Ireland international, Steve Jones firing in from 18 yards.

Nicky Platt should have put the visitors in front after Jones's scuffed shot found the forward 10 yards out, but he could only blaze wide.

Their opponents made him pay for that miss as Williams forced a superb save from Terry Smith, but the keeper couldn't deny Austin his first Rushall goal after 15 minutes.

Ryan Price saved well from Elliott Osborne as Smith did well at the other end to keep out Jake Heath.

Pics had two goals disallowed for offside as Aaron Brown and Williams both had the ball in the net.

Nantwich pushed for a second goal but Heath headed Jonathon Moran's shot off the line and the visitors saw Kris Taylor clear again in stoppage time.

Rushall Olympic: Price, Christophorou, Leslie, Brown, Townsend, Caines, Heath, Palmer, Williams, Taylor, Austin (Sinton 67)

Subs not used: Delaney, Reid, Barnes, Smith

The fours is strong for Lockmen clash

Willenhall 4 Cradley Town 4

THIS vital relegation six-pointer turned out to be a real ding-dong battle.

The Lockmen made the worst possible start when a simple ball over the top of the defence found Mark Bellingham to score.

Then it was 2-0 when another ball into the box found David Almond. Matt Dorgan pulled a goal back on 36 minutes .

Then former Lockman Chris Bladen fired home.

After the break and The Reds levelled again, as Dorgan curled a shot from 25 yards right into the goal. On 54 minutes Cradley took the lead for a third time through Bladen. The Lockmen levelled again through a Matt Dove penalty.

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